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# Agawam's Memorial Day

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MEMBERS OF VETERANS' Groups in Agawam were busy flagging the graves of veterans last weekend in preparation for the upcoming Memorial Day celebration in Agawam. Please turn to Page 17 for complete activities listing. Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

## Johnson's Budget Plan Hinges On Trash Fee - Level Funding

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

"It's a bleak budget situation, one that the Town of Agawam did not anticipate," says Mayor Christopher Johnson, as he discussed his budget proposals Monday night in a workshop centered around the implementation of a proposed trash fee.

Johnson met with six of the town's 10 councilors to present his views of what to cut and what to restore in the fiscal 1990 budget. The meeting, held at 8:00 p.m. Monday in the Public Library, was attended by few taxpayers but many municipal department heads anxious to preview what they will probably have to work with, and live with, for the upcoming fiscal year (that begins July 1st).

Johnson said his measures would restore an anticipated \$822,500 shortfall in the budget and also leaves the town with a \$12,500 surplus.

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Johnson proposed two alternative trash fee plans in the wake of an anticipated defeat of a proposed \$100 a year plan that would have generated more than \$700,000 in revenue to the town annually (by former Temporary Town Manager Frederick Messier).

"Plan Two" would impose a \$60 annual fee that would generate \$125,000 in annual revenue to Agawam and would allow the restoration of some funds to the School Department.

"If Plan Two is approved, I guarantee that there will be no layoffs of existing personnel," Johnson said.

He explained that the FY90 budget prepared by

Temporary Manager Fred Messier was predicated on approval of the \$100 fee plan, and its rejection left a \$718,000 deficit in the budget. Coupled with other losses (including \$75,000 to schools, \$13,500 for SPAIN, and \$3,500 for Baywest Hockey) put Agawam "\$810,000 in the hole," said Johnson.

The possibility of the \$60 a year trash fee would restore \$125,000 to the schools, reinstitute more than half of the Baywest Hockey funds which had been totally eliminated, and allow the SPAIN (counseling) program to continue on a reduced but functional level, according to Johnson.

The \$60 annual payment includes provisions for 50 percent reduction in fees for senior citizens in owner-occupied one to four family homes, and includes leaf collections, spring and fall clean-ups, recycling, and a continuation of bi-weekly pickups.

What Johnson calls "Plan Three" is a reduced version allowing for a \$25 or \$45 variation in the frequency and types of pick-up programs available, each with its own impact on the budget.

Under Plan Three, a \$45 annual fee would provide for recycling, leaf pickup and spring/fall clean-ups, along with weekly collections, but not enough funds would be generated to restore some \$125,000 to the school department, which virtually insures some personnel cuts.

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# \$60 Trash Fee A Hot Issue In Town

## "Budget Ripped Of All Fat" Says Town's Mayor

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

"I've ripped all the fat out of the budget," says Mayor Christopher Johnson, as he discussed ways and means of retaining municipal services within the constraints of near-level funding and no commitments from the Commonwealth on matters of the fiscal 1990 budget.

The town's 1990 budget at presstime is at the \$33 million mark, the highest ever.

Covering nine "budget plans," Johnson detailed a regrouping of line items, including bulk purchasing of office supplies and equipment and centralizing in state and out of state travel.

"We could save a lot of money. As it is now, people just look in a catalogue and pick up what they need. Just buy what you like," Johnson said, adding that the town just can't afford that kind of purchasing anymore.

Looking in another area, he found that Agawam has \$1.579 million in "free cash" and plans to tap into \$70,000 to offset the FY90 budget, carrying over the balance to the following year.

He'll pull \$100,000 from an overlay surplus, leaving between \$20-\$30,000 in that account to cover abatements and errors in assessments over the past few years.

He's found \$114,000 in "carry-over" funds, fat from the 1988 budget that will be appropriated to this year's budget.

And there's a revenue sharing balance of \$8,500 that's just sitting there," Johnson noted as he scoffed that into account.

Projected incoming revenue from Sewer Betterment Phase 4 and a projected increase in motor vehicle excise tax revenue add another \$100,000 to the balance sheet, which when coupled with a proposed \$125,000 in trash fee revenue (if approved), would more than offset the current FY90 deficit of \$822,000 and actually leave \$12,500 to play with.

"The town departments have done their job," Johnson said, noting that to bring in a budget at only 3.3 percent over last year's allocation was tremendous.

"With personnel costs rising by five percent, many other areas are down from previous years in terms of costs," he said.

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All his projections are based on the assumption of level funding from the state. But as Johnson noted, he spoke with State Representative Michael Walsh (D-Agawam) last week, and there's no real assurance that the budget will be level-funded and the possibility exists that it might still fall "below level funding."

In either case, the final word may not come in until July or even August, when further budget adjustment may have to be made.

Facing a potential cut of \$217,000 in EEOG money (Equal Education Opportunity Grant) and cuts in lottery monies totalling \$141,000, "We have to hope that we don't get below level-funding. We won't know until July or August what our numbers are," Johnson concluded.

## Johnson Predicts Personnel Cuts Without Trash Fee

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

"Without the implementation of some kind of trash fee, we are going to lose personnel."

That's the bottom line as written by Mayor Christopher Johnson, who has been reviewing the fiscal 1990 Agawam budget from his new position as the town's chief executive.

In itemizing where potential personnel cuts would come, Johnson started in the Fire Department, noting that five firefighting positions would be axed. And with cuts made on a seniority basis, such a move would eliminate the Emergency Medical Technicians who staff the town ambulance, putting that particular service in jeopardy.

"If we lose EMT's we lose the ambulance," said Johnson.

When it comes to the Police Department, it's a

similar story, with the targets of job cuts by seniority being the younger officers, many of whom have specialized training, noted Johnson.

It would result in a hiring freeze at a time when one vacancy already exists in the department. It could mean an end to the DARE program now implemented in the school system, and elimination of a safety officer, who would have to be transferred to regular duty. It could mean pulling several vehicles off the road.

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In reviewing the Department of Public Works, three or four jobs would be on the firing line and services that would be affected first include grounds maintenance, line painting, and all overtime, including overtime that overlaps game and sports time for Agawam teams.

Within the walls of Town Hall it could cost up to 15 clerical jobs and "raise havoc in town hall," Johnson said.

Johnson noted that municipal union contracts provide for "wholesale bumping" meaning that a secretary with seniority could bump a cook at the senior center, or a cook could opt for a staff position in the Town Treasurer's Office.

It's a cause and effect. The cause could be lack of money. The effect, lack of personnel.

In essence, Johnson is making his case for implementing fees and bringing home the harsh realities of municipal budgeting, 1990.

With only six working days as Mayor (as of Monday's meeting), it's obvious that Johnson's been a working mayor. But getting the budget to work, with council approval required, is the other half of the story.

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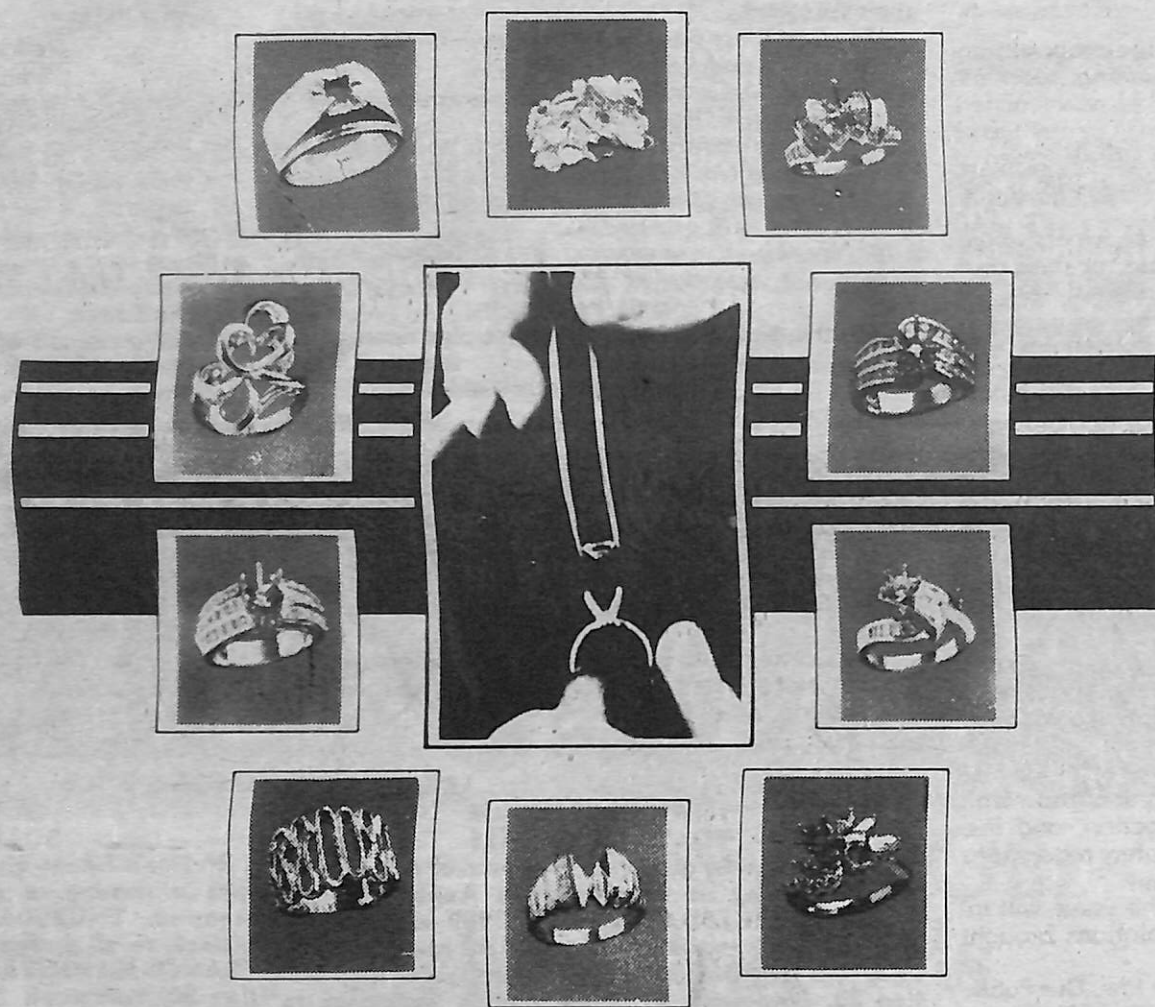
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# Editorial



## Why The Trash Fee Is Not A Good Proposal For Town Of Agawam

### To The Editor:

When the residents of a town or city pay their property taxes, excise taxes, water and sewer charges, they expect service from a municipality in return. Snow removal, road maintenance, public education, water and sewer provisions as well as trash removal are some of the basic services expected.

Like so many towns, cities, and states, Agawam is having budgetary problems and I sympathize with our town officials in trying to juggle their limited funds while trying to maintain services and employment, but I am offended by the "trash fee" proposal, in any amount to balance our budget.

If the townspeople accept a "trash fee" this year, then next year will be a snow removal fee, and the year after a road maintenance fee. Where are our tax dollars going?

Why was a "trash fee" chosen?

The newly acquired monies from the proposed fee are supposed to be directed to funding teachers' salaries. If that is true, then why were 11 new teachers hired this year when there was no money to pay them? Are teachers' salaries being used as a smoke screen to cover up other town expenses that the public is not aware of?

If a trash fee were imposed, only homeowners would be charged. Businesses are responsible for their own trash removal and could therefore be exempt from the trash fee.

If a trash fee were imposed, those households with only one or two residents would pay the same amount for trash removal as those households with three, four, five, six, or more residents who proportionately produce more trash.

Both of these scenarios are quite unequitable. If a trash fee were imposed, it would be a slap in the face to the residents who for the past year (and for the next 24 years) have been subjected to the toxic emissions, the nauseating smells and the hazardous waste production polluting the Connecticut River from the Fluor Incinerator on Bondi's Island.

Our health, our environment and our property values are on a decline because of that facility. Imposing a trash fee on the residents of Agawam would be a classic example of adding insult to injury!

Who's idea was it to impose a trash fee on us just when our Public Health Department is about to complete two years of research, investigation, and five public hearings in order to assemble safety regulations to protect us from the Fluor Incinerator?

Residents who have not followed this issue will incorrectly believe that the safety regulations brought about the trash fee.

These regulations will soon become law. Our Public Health Department may receive accolades from near and far because what they have accomplished is precedent setting. Not only for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, but for the entire United States of America.

The work of the P.H.D. must be protected and promoted allowing no discredit or storm clouds to block the way.

Imposing a "trash fee" is dishonest and deceptive, and it sidesteps around Proposition 2½.

Before we, honestly, raise revenues, or override Proposition 2½, let's be sure that we have cut expenses—utilities, purchases and employment where possible first. Our Town Hall should not be exempt.

Donna Jago  
River Road  
Agawam

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## Resident Shocked At Exploitation Of Babies In Sex Ring Scam

### To The Editor:

I have been on this planet four score and 10 years, and it is beyond my conception what I learned by viewing a TV program hosted by Geraldo Rivera on Wednesday, May 10th, at 10:00 a.m. on CBS Channel 3-Hartford, Connecticut, which confirmed the exploiting of babies and teens for pornography, nine and 10 year-olds having sex with animals and prostitution by a Syndicated International Sex Ring.

I became ill and cried out my heart for these gifts from God being abused sexually and physically by "so-called men."

I am going to do something about stopping this vicious crime. Are you?

What is the trouble with doctors, police, lawyers, judges, clergy, and many others wanting sex with 14 year-olds and younger? Are you one who dials A CHILD and says your preference is an eight or nine year-old little one? You already know about dialing A CHILD—are you guilty?

You don't care what is happening to the little ones of your own family, friends and neighbors, do you?

Maybe you are one of the three monkeys: SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL, SPEAK NO EVIL.

If so, you are a criminal by not heeding and teaching God's instructions.

One more thing—don't ever call these criminals "animals" either, because animals never did or ever will do such terrible despicable acts.

If you care, do something positive now for it is later than you think.

May God Bless Geraldo in his work in bringing this to the forefront and to the public.

Reference 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 - Textbook Instructions: Author, GOD ALMIGHTY.

9. *Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolators, or adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.*

10. *Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

Stop the devil and his satanic disciples now.

Maude B. Light  
95 North Westfield Street, No. 18  
Feeding Hills

## Robinson School Appreciation Great

### To The Editor:

I would like to thank all the parents and PTO members who contributed their time and energy to the recent Robinson Park Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon.

A special thank you to my co-chairpersons Pat O'Connor and Helen Manning and also to our wonderful cafeteria ladies.

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Everyone certainly worked very hard to be able to say thank-you for all that our Robinson Park teachers and staff do for our children.

Sincerely,  
Donna M. Shibley

## Resident Supports Passage Of \$60 Trash Fee For Community

### To The Editor:

#### Open Letter To The Town Council:

Much has been made of the proposed "trash fee" on \$60 or about \$1.15 per week.

I have spoken to my friends and neighbors and have received nothing but support for this program. They also have informed me that their friends are in favor of this proposal. In addition, they indicated to me that they would be very upset with the council if they did not give this a fair hearing.

This support is present for two reasons: (1) The citizens of this town want "every week" trash pick-up. They are sick and tired of the smell and maggots that infect our garages and basements. (2) The \$135,000 to be applied to the school budget will enable the school department to save teaching positions. Agawam's future is our kids and this proposal protects its future.

Please do not vote "on impulse." Solicit citizen input. Write your letter to *The Agawam Advertiser News* asking citizens to call you on this issue.

Don't make this a political issue. It is not. It's a "people" issue and the vote should reflect the people's needs.

Confident of your assistance in this matter, I remain

Yours truly,  
Frank Meagher  
34 Sunset Terrace  
Feeding Hills

P.S. A personal copy of this letter has been previously sent to each councilor.

## Youth Football President Says Thanks To All Those Working For Group

### To The Editor:

I would like to take this time to express my gratitude to a group of parents who are working nonstop in an effort to raise money for the newly formed Agawam Youth Football Association.

Without their help and dedication, none of this would be possible. These parents coordinate all fundraisers, and most of the time help out in supervising the children.

I would like to say thanks to Jean Mantha, Margaret McCormick, Donna Langden, Marlene Virella, Carolyn Page, Laura Poth, Terri & Jim Hill, and Phil Kimball. With all of the hard work these people do, our new football program will be a success. Once again, thank you.

Frank J. Andruss  
AYFA President



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# Informal Poll Taken On Trash Fees

by Christine Piesyk

Town Councilor Jessie Fuller polled Agawam residents as they arrived at the Agawam High School grounds Saturday for Hazardous Waste Collection Day, assessing their feelings about the fee-for-service plans for year-round refuse collections.

"I talked to 168 people," Fuller said Monday. "One hundred five said they favored paying the fee and didn't want the full cost of that service on their taxes."

She added that 63 of the people she questioned opposed the proposed trash fee plan.

"I was surprised at how many people said they understood the budget crunch facing the town," Mrs. Fuller noted.

In discussing the issue at Monday's budget workshop, Council President Donald Rheault and Mayor Christopher Johnson discussed the option of a municipal vs. contracted trash collection program, with Johnson reserving that possibility for discussion next year "when our contract for services is up for renewal."

Johnson has proposed a \$60 trash fee that is built into his review of the fiscal 1990 budget. According to Johnson, the \$60 trash fee would generate \$250,000 in revenue to the town.

Johnson promised that \$125,000 of that figure would be earmarked for the Agawam School Department, which is already facing a budget cut of \$650,000.

Johnson noted that the initial cost in terms of capital outlay for equipment and for additional manpower make it unfeasible in FY90. "It's just not practical at this time," he said, adding that refuse collection is not the problem, the disposal cost is.

Councilor Paul Fieldstad still opposes a trash fee,

believing that once implemented, such a fee "will be with us forever," a statement Johnson affirmed.

Fieldstad is also concerned that while tax payments which include certain municipal services such as trash collection are tax deductible, while fees paid for such services are not. He doesn't believe that's fair to the taxpayers of Agawam.

Johnson asserts that incorporating the entire escalating cost of trash disposal into the tax base could push the town over the mandated limits of Proposition 2½.

Fieldstad advocates voting for an override of Proposition 2½ before implementing a fee for service system.

On a secondary issue, Fieldstad resurrected the issue of hiring new personnel, noting that 10 people were placed on payroll since January in Town Hall.

Johnson noted that while 10 vacant jobs were filled, he has reaffirmed a moratorium on all new hires and would like to see cuts in staffing occur through retirement and attrition.

Councilor Edward Borgatti would like to see flat percentage raises eliminated, at least after an employee hits the \$20,000 a year mark.

"I would rather see a plan that gives seven percent on the first \$20,000, not an across the board raise," Borgatti said.

But Johnson countered that the greatest percentage of employees fall below that \$20,000 mark. Apart from issues of union concurrence with such a concept, the plan would save between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a year. Johnson noted that teaching salaries increased an average of six percent this year.

## BUDGET PLAN - From Page 1...

Plan Three can be broken down into a \$25 trash fee plan that includes recycling, spring/fall clean-up and leaf collection, or a \$20 version, with weekly pick-ups and none of the aforementioned "extras."

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Johnson cited the rapid escalation in disposal fees as a major factor in the need for fees-for-service for waste disposal.

In FY87, he notes, "Agawam paid \$278,935 for waste disposal. In FY88, that rose to \$384,243. In FY89, it hit \$687,430. Next year it will cost us \$729,710, more than double the cost in just four years."

As the host community of the incinerator, we get a break," Johnson noted. "But out of a cost of \$119,400, \$29,400 is collection cost and \$90,000 is disposal fees. That's where the money's going, and it's not going to get better."

"We can't keep absorbing these kinds of costs," Johnson told his listeners. "Without a fee, we will have to eliminate spring/fall clean-ups [\$119,400]."

He estimates that administrative costs of a projected \$42,776 will be covered by the revenues and had earlier noted that as with any new program one-time start up costs will be incurred.

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Johnson's budget package also included transfer of \$225,000 of \$725,000 from the stabilization fund set aside for emergencies and capital improvements.

He also proposed reducing the Law Department's expenditures from \$127,000 this year by increasing the town solicitor's pay to \$28,000 a year (from \$19,000) and assistant solicitor to \$13,000 (from \$7,000). Johnson hoped these increases would cut expenditures in the Law Department that increased \$52,000 over the money budgeted last year (\$75,000).

Johnson also proposed a variety of other measures that would take care of the projected \$822,000 needed to balance the budget.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, June 1, 1989 at 7:15 PM in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Paul Basdekis for a Definitive Subdivision Plan for Spruce Circle. This proposed subdivision consists of 13 lots to be located off Pine Street.

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Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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## Agawam Police Dept. Arrest Blotter For Last Week

On May 15th, **Robert Moreau, Jr.**, 120 Smith Avenue, East Longmeadow, was arrested and charged with two outstanding Agawam Police Department warrants. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Eric Camerlin.

On May 17th, **Glen S. Scheve**, 171 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Michael Gruska and Donald Gallerani.

On May 17th, **Roger Calvert** of address unknown was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr., and Eric Camerlin.

On May 18th, **Glenn J. Lamontagne**, 115 Kent Road, Springfield, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating after suspension. Arresting officers were Ben Moore and Steve Draghetti.

On May 19th, **Matthew M. Bogacz**, 113 Deer Run, Southwick, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr. and Eric Camerlin.

On May 19th, **Victor L. Delbuono**, 101 Norman Street, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Registry Police.

On May 19th, **Alfonso Ferrantino**, 67 Joanne Circle, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Westfield Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Gary O'Brien, Brian Connor, and Auxiliary Officer Robert Burke.

On May 20th, **Linda B. Howard**, 280 Jasper Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Walter Letellier and Karen Langevin.

On May 20th, **Carl A. Morin**, 71 High Street, Apt. 13, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Richard Light, Jr. and Mark Pfau.

On May 20th, **Glenn Collins**, 131 Ashley Avenue, West Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Mark Poggi.

## Agawam Crime Prevention...

# Domestic Violence Continues To Grow & Grow

by **Officer Wayne Macey**  
Crime Prevention Bureau

The following information on abuse petitions, how to obtain them, and what specific information is required was compiled from the text of the *Massachusetts Criminal Law Reference Handbook*. It is intended to make victims of abuse aware of the relief available to them through the court system and their local police department.

It is only recently that domestic violence has come to be recognized as a serious social problem and our institutions, including the police, are often not equipped to handle it.

Chapter 209A is designed to improve the quality of police response to domestic disturbance calls, particularly to those involving spouse abuse. Chapter 209A provides assistance to the abused by providing access to the courts and making available police intervention to prevent further abuse.

A person suffering from abuse from an adult, or minor family or household member may file a complaint in the court requesting protection from such abuse, including, but not limited to, the following orders:

**A.)** Ordering the defendant to refrain from abusing the plaintiff whether the defendant is an adult or a minor;

**B.)** Ordering the defendant to vacate forthwith the household. Notwithstanding, the provisions of Section 34B of Chapter 208 (divorce statute), the order is for a fixed period, not to exceed one year, unless extended by the court;

**C.)** Awarding the plaintiff, in the case of husband and wife, temporary custody of a minor child.

**D.)** Ordering the defendant to pay temporary support for the plaintiff or any child in the plaintiff's custody or both, when the defendant has a legal obligation to support such a person.

**E.)** Ordering the defendant to pay to the person abused monetary compensation for losses suffered as a direct result of such abuse. Compensatory losses shall include, but not limited to, loss of earnings or support, out of pocket losses for injuries sustained, medical and moving expenses, and reasonable attorney's fees; and

**F.)** Ordering the plaintiff's address to be impounded.

No filing fee shall be charged nor fees for copies of orders entered by the court. If the plaintiff demonstrates a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of abuse, the court may enter such temporary orders without notice as it deems necessary to protect the plaintiff from abuse, and shall immediately thereafter notify the defendant that the temporary orders have issued. Notice will be made by the appropriate law enforcement agency.

When the court is closed for business, any justice of the superior, probate, and family district or municipal court departments may grant relief to the plaintiff if the plaintiff demonstrates a substantial likelihood of immediate danger of abuse.

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We at the Agawam Police Department are anxious to help and put an end to domestic violence.

## ADVERTISER NEWS

### Municipal Events

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**Monday, May 29th**  
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**Thursday, June 1st**  
**Board of Appeals**  
**Town Hall Annex**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, June 1st**  
**Agawam Planning Board**  
**Public Library**  
**7:15 P.M.**

**Monday, June 5th**  
**Agawam Town Council**  
**Public Library**  
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## Experience A Factor In Council's Selection To Fill Seat: Saracino

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

Anthony Saracino's name may have been brought forth as a possible replacement for the Town Council seat vacated by Mayor Christopher Johnson, but Saracino maintains that while he would "pitch in" and lend his political experience to Agawam for the six months remaining in the current council term, he would not consider seeking another full council term.

Saracino, who resides at 35 Federal Street, believes that the council "needs someone with experience."

The council is scheduled to fill the vacancy at its June 5th meeting. Nine candidates are vying for Johnson's vacant seat on the 11-member board at presstime.

"It's a crucial time for Agawam. We've got a new Mayor, and the council is going to have to pull together to make it work," Saracino said.

Saracino adds that "a lot of us worked hard to try and get elected last time (November 1987), and there are a lot of ex-council vice presidents and others who could be picked; individuals who have the experience to assist in governing the community."

He feels that many people "will not be happy with this town budget" and that it is "unfair to Johnson to put someone in (the council seat) without experience in town government."

He adds that though he was a Frederick Nardi supporter in the recent Mayoral campaign and would support Nardi again, "We have to get behind the man the people chose or the Town of Agawam could be seriously hurt."

Saracino placed 12th in the last Council elections. And if Agawam followed the example set by neighboring Springfield and replaced a councilman-turned-Mayor with the next highest candidate from the previous election, that candidate would be Saracino.

"Some 2,250 people felt I could do the job," Saracino says about his losing 1987 bid.

However, the Agawam Town Charter allows the council to select and nominate candidates from the community at-large, with the candidate who receives a council majority obtaining the seat.

Following the sudden death of former Councilor Thomas Ennis in early 1988, a council majority nominated and selected former Board of Health Chairman John Negrucchi to fill Ennis' seat.

Saracino, upon losing his re-election bid in mid-November 1987, returned to his state job in Hampshire County and did not attend the last three council sessions of that year as he resigned his seat.

That resignation, however, caused Saracino criticism, and it was again mentioned at the council's May 15th meeting when councilors were discussing filling Johnson's vacant seat.

## Agawam Ex-POW's To Receive Medals At Dedication

During the past year the Agawam Veteran Service Department has been assisting former Ex-POW's and their families in applying for the new prestigious Ex-Prisoner of War Medals.

A formal presentation will be made during dedication ceremonies of the new Veteran War Memorial on May 27th. State Representative Michael Walsh will present medals to the following recipients:

**EDWARD MORASSI**, 540 Cooper Street  
**ROBERT V. PROVOST**, (deceased). Medal will be received by sister, Joan Kane, 46 Taft Street.

**ROLAND E. GEOFFRION**, (deceased). Medal will be received by his widow Helen E. Geoffrion.

**CHARLES W. MANSFIELD**, 11 Liberty Street.

**JAMES O'NEILL**, unable to be present.  
**JOHN R. TORRES**, Southwick (deceased). Medal to be received by his widow, Joyce A. Torres, Fernwood Road, Southwick.

**THEODORE KAHANELIS**, of Stewart Lane, received his medal prior to moving to Florida.

The Agawam Memorial Committee is also pleased to announce that State Senator Linda J. Melconian will give the dedication address. Reverend Leonard Cowan of St. David's Episcopal Church will give the invocation and benediction with members of the church youth group participating in the parade.

Joseph Scerra, State Adjutant for the Veterans of Foreign Wars and former National Commander of the V.F.W. will also be present for parade and ceremonies.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of **PATRICIA A. NARDI** who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 25 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the creation of a lot with less than the required square footage at the premises identified as 5 RIDGEWAY DRIVE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,  
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

Published: May 24, 1989

### LEGAL NOTICE

## Law Department To Be Revised By Johnson; Looking To Cut Costs

by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

The town's Law Department was one of the first places Mayor Christopher Johnson looked as he reviewed the fiscal 1990 budget for cuts and revisions during his first six days in office.

"Being a lawyer myself, it was the best place for me to start," Johnson told an audience of councilors, department heads, and taxpayers attending Monday night's budget workshop.

Johnson said he was "shocked" to find costs for the Law Department, which had been budgeted at \$75,000 last year, to be running in excess of \$127,000 "so far in fees."

"For that money," he maintained, "I could hire two lawyers, a secretary, and furnish their office."

Johnson proposes paying a retainer for a town solicitor ranging from \$19-\$25,000, and for an assistant solicitor from \$7-13,000 and adds that there are "no documents anywhere in town specifying what their duties are."

His proposal to retain attorneys "and the creation of a part-time legal clerk at \$5,000 a year" could bring the Law Department budget in at or below the \$75,000 mark.

Johnson believes the idea "should be tried for a year, a 12-month test to see if it works," adding that the town has spent well over that amount in preceding years. "The implication being there's nothing to lose and everything to gain in terms of finance and productivity," said Johnson.

"We could have sought full-time legal help for \$127,000," Johnson said.

His concept of a retained town attorney would define that solicitor's responsibilities, including litigation and excluding matters of Civil Service, union negotiations and unfair labor practice issues, for which the standard \$75 an hour fees are paid.

"A law clerk could provide the research needed by the Law Department," Johnson added.

"It would be a tremendous cost-savings to the town," he noted, commending Agawam Town Solicitor Thomas S. Locke for his input into the possible revamping of the town's legal mechanism.

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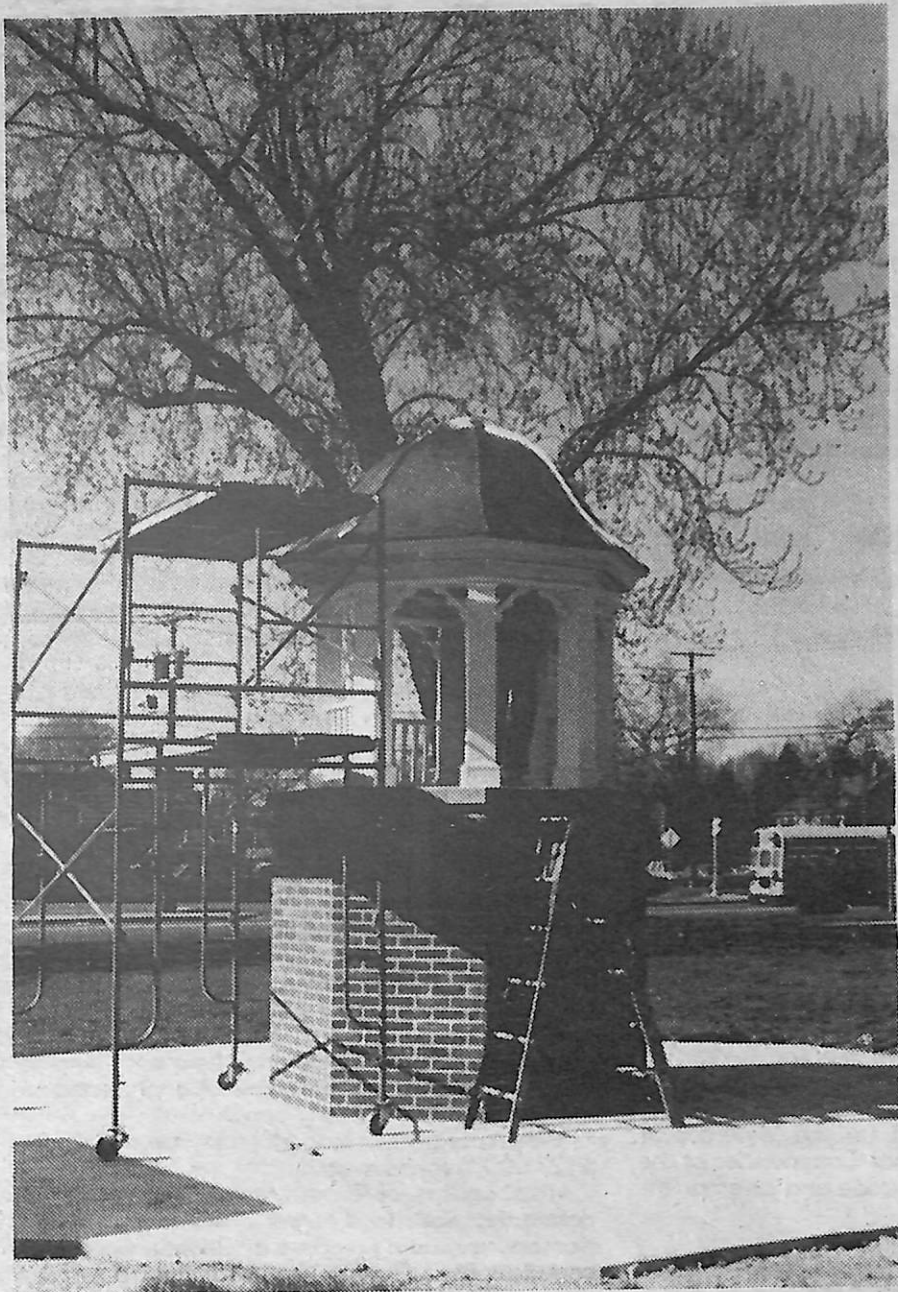
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THE FINAL TOUCHES have been put on the NEW WAR MEMORIAL on the green facing Benjamin Phelps School. It will be dedicated on Saturday, May 27th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Memorial Day In Town Listed By Committee

Members of the Memorial Bell Committee have finalized plans for the dedication of the newly erected War Memorial to all Agawam Veterans. The monument is located on the green of the Benjamin Phelps School facing Main Street.

The memorial is unprecedented in that architect Thurston Munson of Greenfield used the Kathryn Danahy School bell to achieve the unique design. Veteran Agent Ruth Bitzas advises that the bill will be installed next week along with the bronze plaques containing the names of the Agawam Veteran casualty list. Mrs. Bitzas noted that there is a casualty list of Civil War Veterans which will be read along with the other wars; however, a plaque will not be added until thorough research is completed through an eight volume compilation published by the State Adjutant's Office. She has contacted the chairwomen of the Agawam Historical Society for assistance. Hopefully, the plaque will be added in time for the Veterans Day observance.

The agenda for the Town of Agawam's Memorial Day observances are as follows:

Graves will be flagged in all of the town cemeteries on Friday, May 19th, and Saturday morning, May 20th, by V.F.W. Post 1632 and American Legion Post 185.

### SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

#### CEREMONIES

7:30 a.m., World War I Memorial—Located in front of American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street, Feeding Hills.

8:00 a.m., Brady Village—Veteran Housing project on Springfield Street.

9:00 a.m., Agawam Center Cemetery, Springfield Street Cemetery (Please note ceremonies held on Saturday, not on Monday)

10:30 a.m., Parade—Assembly point will be Southworth Paper Company (formerly Buxton) at 10:00 a.m. with step-off time at 10:30 a.m. Parade will be routed down Main Street one mile to the green of the Benjamin Phelps School. Bands will include Agawam High School, The Royal Columbian Drum Corp, and the Melha Shriner Bands.

**DEDICATION AGAWAM VETERAN WAR MEMORIAL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PARADE.**

### SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

10:30 a.m., Memorial Service—Agawam Congregational Church. Uniformed members of service organizations will post the colors. Reverend Richard D. Hunter will read the casualty list and preach on "The Price of Freedom."

12:00 Noon, Vietnam Veteran Bridge Ceremony—Located on Bridge Street near Southworth Paper Company, West Springfield. Gold Star parents Don & Lucy Gaunt will cast a wreath on the water in memory of those veterans whose lives were lost at sea.

Mrs. Bitzas stated that programs have been printed with the help of Agawam High School students under the direction of Tom Collins. These will be distributed in front of Food Mart and Big Y on Thursday, May 25th, and Friday, May 26th, in the evening. She would also like to remind women veterans who would like to participate in the parade and any other groups that have not been contacted and who would like to join in the march to contact Veteran Services, 786-0400, extension 236, as soon as possible.

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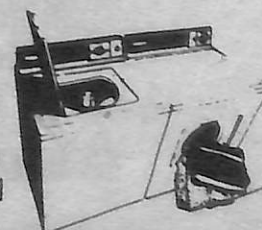
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# The Agawam Veteran War Memorial Dedication And Memorial Day Observances

Saturday, May 27th And

Sunday, May 28th

## PROGRAM

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY — Ruth A. Bitzas, Veteran Agent  
FLAG RAISING / SALUTE TO THE COLORS:  
Donald Catchpaugh, Cmdr. V.F.W., Post 1632  
Fred Barber, Cmdr. American Legion, Post 185  
George Chevenert, Cmdr. D.A.V., Chapter 55  
STAR SPANGLED BANNER — Agawam High School Band  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE — Pauline Brown, Pres. Ladies Aux., American Legion, Post 185  
INVOCATION — Rev. Leonard C. Cowan, St. David's Episcopal Church  
INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS  
GREETINGS FROM THE TOWN - Christopher C. Johnson, First Mayor Of Agawam  
PRESENTATION OF PRISONER OF WAR MEDALS - State Rep. Michael P. Walsh  
POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST AWARDS — Chairwoman, Rita Shea, V.F.W. Aux., Post 1632  
GUEST SPEAKER — Joseph Scerra, Past National Commander In Chief, Veteran Of Foreign Wars  
DEDICATION ADDRESS — Linda J. Melconian, State Senator  
UNVEILING — Members, Memorial Bell Committee

PLACEMENT OF MEMORIAL WREATH - Gold Star Parents: Ed & Ruth Connelly / Don & Lucy Gaunt  
"IN MEMORIAM" — Ruth Bitzas, Veteran Agent  
A poem especially written for the Dedication of the Agawam War Memorial by Mr. Allan E. Bovey  
READING OF THE CASUALTY LIST:  
CIVIL WAR — Jessie Fuller, Marine Corps. Veteran, Town Councilwoman  
WORLD WAR I — Glenn Seymour, American Legion, Post 185  
WORLD WAR II — Donald Catchpaugh, Cmdr. V.F.W., Post 1632  
KOREA — George Brown, American Legion, Post 185  
VIETNAM — Robert Guevin, V.F.W., Post 1632  
TOLLING OF THE MEMORIAL BELL — Russell Jenks, Fire Chief  
FIRING SQUAD — Company B1, 104th Infantry, Massachusetts National Guard  
TAPS — Agawam High School Band Buglers  
"AMAZING GRACE" — Melha Shrine Highland Band  
BENEDICTION — Rev. Leonard C. Cowan

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Jack Kunasek, Director, Parks & Recreation  
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Al Bovey - Author of Dedication Poem entitled "In Memoriam"  
Agawam Advertiser News

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## MEMORIAL BELL COMMITTEE

Andrew C. Gallano, Chairman (Deceased)  
Ruth A. Bitzas, Veteran Agent  
Frederick Nardi, Councilman  
Walter T. Kerr  
Mario DeLucchi  
Samuel Provo, Sr.

## Memorial Day Observances

Saturday, May 27th And Sunday, May 28th  
Ceremonies

7:30 A.M. WORLD WAR I MEMORIAL — located directly in front of American Legion Post 185 on Springfield Street  
8:00 A.M. BRADY VILLAGE - Veteran Housing Project on Springfield Street  
9:00 A.M. AGAWAM CENTER CEMETARY — SPRINGFIELD STREET  
SPRINGFIELD STREET CEMETARY

## DEDICATION AGAWAM VETERAN WAR MEMORIAL

10:00 A.M. PARADE — Assembly point will be Southworth Paper Company (formerly Buxton's) at 10:00 A.M. March will begin at 10:30 A.M. One mile to the War Memorial located on the Benjamin Phelps School green

DEDICATION CEREMONIES WILL COMMENCE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE

Sunday, May 28th, 1989

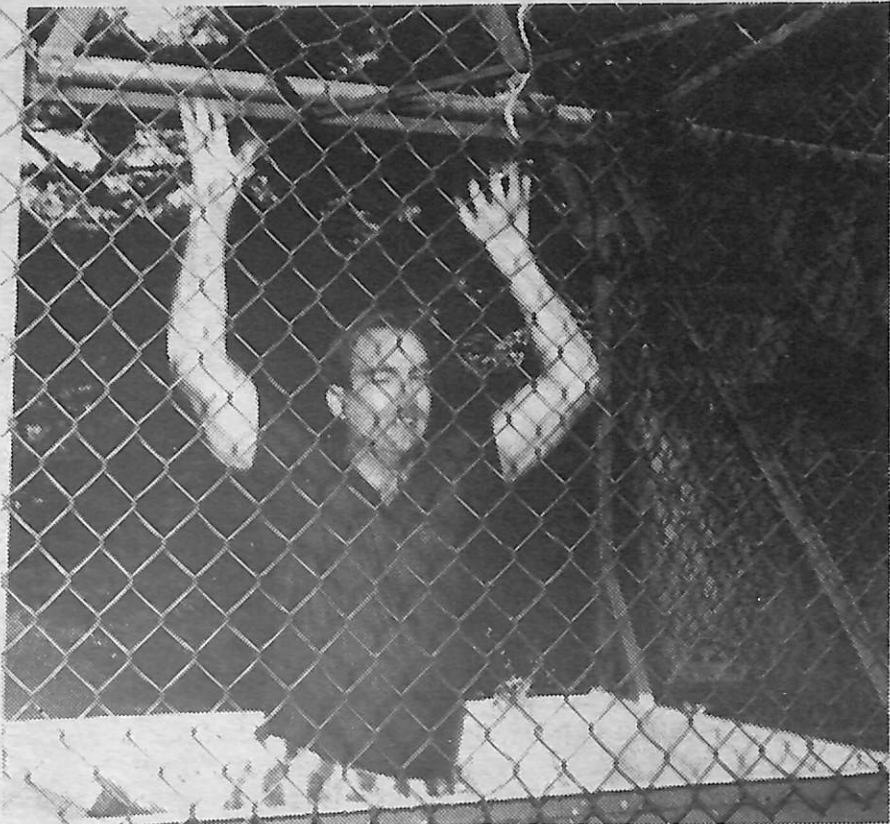
10:30 A.M. AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH — Rev. Richard Hunter will read the names of Agawam's War Dead. He will preach on the "THE PRICE OF FREEDOM." All are welcome.

12:00 Noon VIETNAM VETERAN BRIDGE CEREMONY — Honoring those Veterans Lost at Sea. (Bridge Street near Southworth Paper Company.)





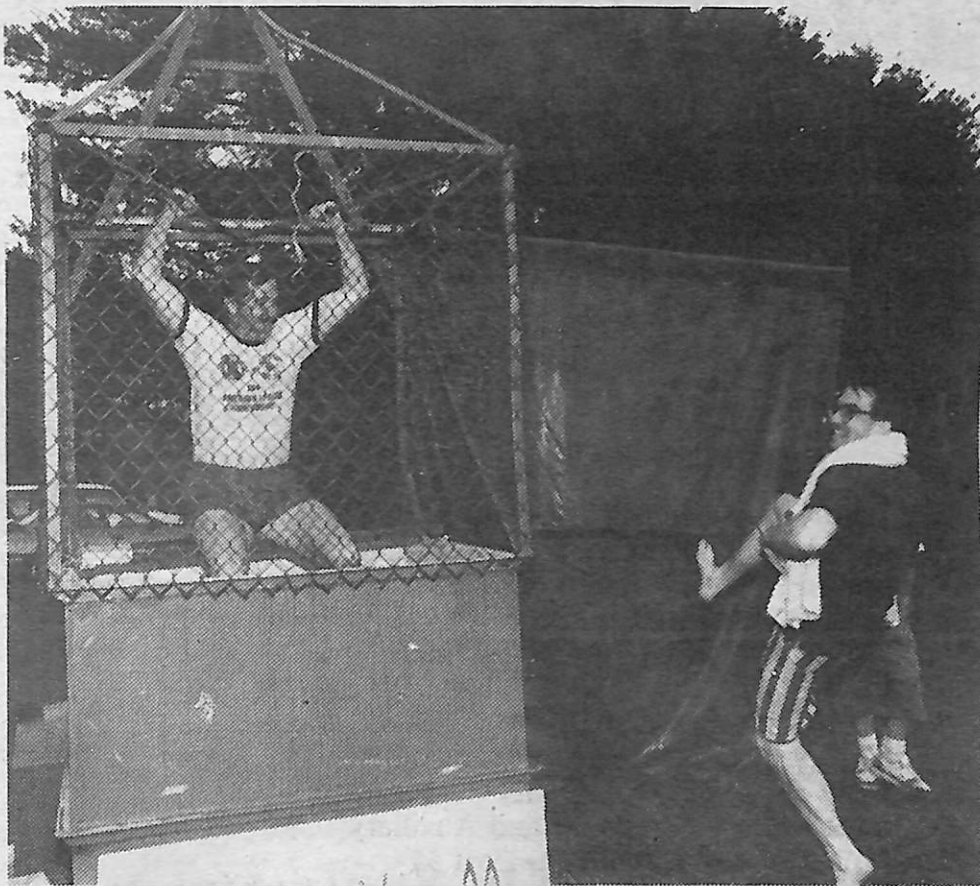
# The Mayor & State Rep. Are Definitely All Wet



**MAYOR CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON** is dunked in the "Dunking Booth" at Founders/Nostalgia Day at Heritage Hall Nursing Home last Sunday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**MAYOR JOHNSON DECIDES** enough is enough - it's his turn to dunk State Rep. Michael P. Walsh. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**TAKE THE LOW ROAD IF THE HIGH ROAD FAILS.** After missing on several attempts to dunk State Rep. Michael P. Walsh, Mayor Christopher Johnson throws away the balls and uses his feet to send Walsh into the waters. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**REP. MIKE WALSH** en route to being dunked following some illegal tactics used by Mayor Christopher Johnson last Sunday at Founders/Nostalgia Day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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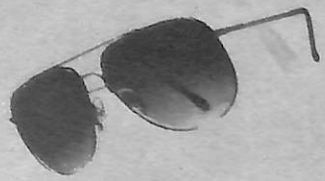
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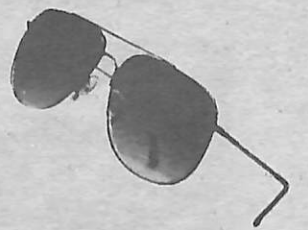


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# Clara Waniewski To Retire



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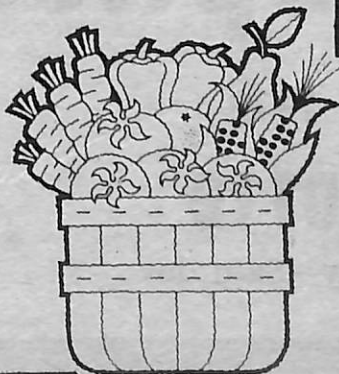
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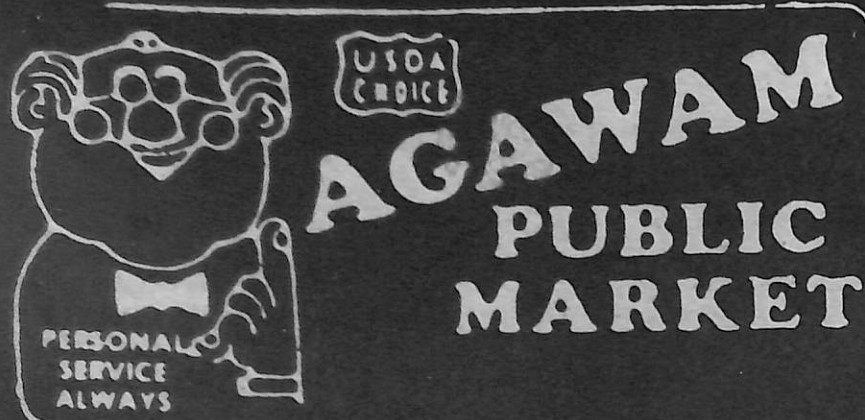
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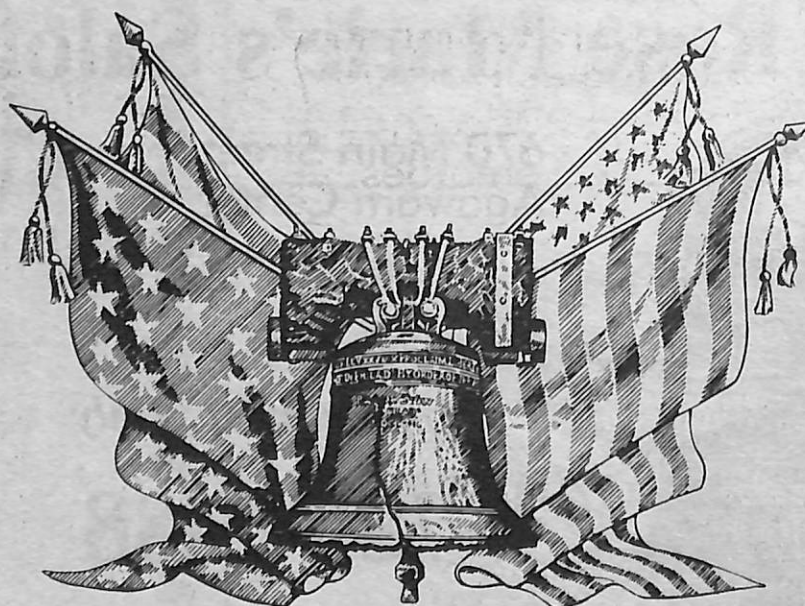
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**MAY 21ST IS ALWAYS** a special day in the lives of Rose & Frank V. Pignatare (left) & Carol and Frank C. Pignatare, but last Sunday was even more special. Rose & Frank V. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and Carol & Frank C. celebrated their happy 25th.

### Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet June 2nd

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet in Sacred Heart Church, 1103 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament on Friday, June 2nd, from 9:00 p.m., through Saturday morning, June 3rd, at 6:00 a.m.

Father David J. Joyce of Sacred Heart opens the event with Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. Members recite evening and morning prayers, both in private and public, closing with Benediction at 6:00 a.m.

Assisting Father Joyce are Thomas Murray, chairman of Sacred Heart membership, and Paul May, the group's leader.

This is a special observance because June is the month of the Sacred Heart, to whom the first Friday of the month is dedicated. Also, it is the 25th anniversary at St. John the Evangelist in the National Society on January 24th, 1964.

A concelebrated Anniversary Mass by National Director, Father Thomas E. Waldie, with parish priests, will be held June 4th.

The Mass will be held at 4:30 p.m. Following the Mass, there will be a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner (prime rib of beef).

All are welcome to participate in both events.

### Agawam Congregational Sets Annual Strawberry Supper

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Annual Strawberry Supper, Thursday, June 15th, at the church, 745 Main Street, Agawam. Sittings will be at 5:00 and 6:15 p.m.

Featured on the menu will be potato salad, cole slaw, boiled ham, relish, rolls, and beverages, along with homemade strawberry shortcake.

Cost for adults will be \$6, and children under 12, \$2.50.

Accepting reservations are Laura Dugan, 789-2118; Dorothy Hess, 786-8271; or Clarice Scoville, 786-6258. Reservations close Tuesday, June 13th.

### The Tony DePalma Family Announces Birth Of Son

Tony & Lois DePalma of Cesan Street, Feeding Hills, announce the birth of their son, Anthony Raffaele, born April 23rd.

He weighed 8 pounds, 3½ ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Donald Strong of Feeding Hills, and Mrs. Irma DePalma of Italy.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Elvira Mercolino of Feeding Hills, and Mr. & Mrs. D. Francis Strong of Springfield.

### Pignatares Celebrate Double Anniversary May 21st

On May 21st, the Pignatare family celebrated a 50th and 25th anniversary in Westfield.

Celebrating their Golden Jubilee were Frank V. & Rose Pignatare of East Mountain Road, Westfield.

Their eldest son and daughter-in-law, Frank C. & Carol Pignatare of Suffield Street, Agawam, celebrated their Silver Anniversary.

Frank & Rose were married on May 20th, 1939, in St. Anthony's Church, Agawam. They have resided on East Mountain Road for their 50 years of marriage in the house that was originally Frank's parents' home. They have three married sons, Frank, Charles, and Ronald, and six grandchildren.

Frank & Carol were married on May 9th, 1964, in Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills. They reside in Agawam, are owners of Frank Pignatare's Service Center, and have three daughters, Judith, Carol, and Rose, all at home.

The two couples held an Open House on Sunday, May 21st, at the old homestead on East Mountain Road, where over 200 relatives and friends were welcomed.

### Agawam Junior Women's Club Sets Craft Festival June 3-4

The 15th Annual Arts and Crafts Festival of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will take place the weekend of June 3rd and 4th, at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam.

Traditional and modern crafts will be exhibited and sold by over 100 artisans from New England and New York. Guided tours of the historic Captain Charles Leonard House will be given and hourly raffles will be held. Admission to the show is free.

Local crafters participating in this year's show include Patricia Drewniak and her handsewn country crafts, toys, and flags; Cynthia O'Leary, handpainted clothing; Lois Buiniskas, small handcrafted pins, necklaces and woodcraft; Hazel Mallory, stuffed animals, dolls, and novelties; Maria Austin, country victorian wreaths and baskets; Rich Hamre, woodcrafting; Holly Malloy, assortment of barrettes, head bands, and Raggedy Ann dolls. In addition, Virginia Salatti of the Yarn Attic in West Springfield will demonstrate the art of oriental rug making.

Hours of the show will be Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. A snack bar will be on the grounds, and homebaked items will also be available.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the proceeds from the festival will benefit the Junior's Scholarship Fund.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Ellen Janik, 786-6826, or Liz Taylor, 789-1320, cochairwomen of the event.

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## Fire-Wise - by Agawam Fire Chief Rusty Jenks Keeping Those Cookouts Fun & Safe

It's hard to beat the flavor of burgers, steaks, and corn grilled on the barbecue. But the Agawam Fire Department wants you to remember that the fun of a cookout can quickly turn to tragedy if you're not careful. Use common sense and cook safely.

**Always dress carefully for barbecuing.** Wear a sturdy apron, but one long enough that it will not accidentally brush the grill surface. Wear close-fitting clothing and short sleeves. No loose shirt-tails and no neckties. They can be too easily and quickly ignited by even brief contact with hot surfaces.

If you use lighter fluid, use it sparingly. Never use lighter fluid on a fire that's already started to burn. The heat in the coals will ignite the stream of fluid and burn up the stream to the can. Then the can will explode in your hands, throwing burning gasoline all over you. This takes less than a second, so don't assume "just a quick squirt" will be safe. And never use gasoline—it's far too dangerous. Best of all, use crumpled newspapers as kindling for the fire or try an electric starter.

**Be sure the grill is set where it won't tip over or be knocked over.** Keep them away from overhanging

trees, awnings or roofs. Never cook on a balcony—a shift in the wind can barbecue your home. And never use a barbecue grill inside—the fire will create odorless, colorless, deadly carbon monoxide.

Keep a big bucket of water or garden hose nearby in case of an accident.

Don't try to use ordinary kitchen utensils for the barbecue. You need the longer handles on outdoor cooking equipment to keep your hands safely away from the grill and coals.

**Keep children away from the grill.** Their curiosity can be tragic.

After cooking, even though the coals may seem cool, soak them with water. If you don't the coals can re-ignite later—even days later. Keep the wet coals outside in a well ventilated area. If they're trapped in an enclosed area while they're drying, heat can build up and they can burst into flame.

So anytime a bag of charcoal gets wet, leave it outside well away from the house. And don't bring the empty grill inside for storage until it's completely cold.

Enjoy the cookout—safely.

## Walking Tour Of Old Cemetery Slated For June 11th

A spring day far away from Halloween is the perfect time for the superstitious, and those who are not, to discover the hidden treasures of the Springfield Cemetery. John Dr. Donald D'Amato for a walking tour of the Cemetery on Sunday, June 11th (rain date, June 18th), from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m., presented by the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Local historian and author, Dr. Donald D'Amato, will guide you through Springfield's colorful past. From the Cemetery's Chapel with its Tiffany windows to the memorials of luminaries, merchants and rogues, tour goers will discover another side of Springfield's past. Tour size is limited to 25.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required at least one week before the walking tour. For more information, please contact the Historical Museum, 732-3080.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The Historical Museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a unit of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

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## Genesis Spiritual Life Center Offers "Christian Yoga Day"

The Genesis Spiritual Life Center will offer a "Christian Yoga Retreat Day," Saturday, June 3rd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

This short retreat and workshop combines yoga exercises, guided meditation, prayer, and free time to be by yourself. No previous experience of yoga is necessary.

The retreat leader, Katherine Bradley, MEd, described yoga as "a philosophy, an art, a science, and a way of life. Yoga aims to develop a perfect balance between the body and mind and the individual and the greater world around us."

"There will be two 1½ hour sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Each begins with prayer and 10 minutes of deep-breathing exercises followed by 50 minutes of yoga to enhance good health. The day's concluding hour will be spent in prayer and guided meditation," Bradley added.

Bradley is an experienced yoga teacher who trained at the Kripalu Center and Boston College. She has also worked as an educator and a medical social worker.

The Genesis Spiritual Life Center designs and sponsors workshops, retreats, courses, and lectures. It seeks to encourage the integration of mind, body, and spirit in ways that promote personal growth and social responsibility.

The non-profit Center, which welcomes people of all faiths, is owned and operated by the Sisters of Providence, and is a member of Providence Systems.

The cost for the Retreat Day is \$35. Participants should plan to wear loose, comfortable clothing, and bring a brown-bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. To register, or for more information, call Genesis, 562-3627.

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Saturday & Sunday, June 3rd & 4th  
Annual Arts & Crafts Festival  
Agawam Junior Women's Club  
Captain Charles Leonard House  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: Noontime to 5:00 p.m.

Friday, June 16th  
Hour-Long Concert by  
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**MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1939** gathered at Storowton Tavern last Friday night for their 50th class reunion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## 50th Reunion For AHS Class Of 1939

The Agawam High School graduating Class of 1939 recently celebrated their 50th Class Reunion at Storowton Tavern's Carriage House.

The Class of 1939 had 83 graduates, four of whom went on to receive Ph.D.'s. Twenty-four classmates have passed away, and a moment of silence was observed in their memories.

The reunion had a wonderful turnout of approximately 60 class members and spouses, and several teachers. Classmates reminisced about the good ole days at Agawam High.

Many of the Class of '39 are now retired, but still very active in community affairs, civic groups, church functions, and spending a great deal of time traveling and enjoying grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Prizes were awarded for the graduate who had traveled the farthest (Puerto Rico), married the longest (50 years), married the shortest (20 years), and the most great-grandchildren (four).

Guest speaker for the evening was James V. Bruno, superintendent of the Agawam School System. Bruno addressed the group saying he was three months-old when they were graduating. He went on to say he was also a product of the Agawam system and had taught science and biology to many of their sons and daughters. Their grandchildren are now students in the school system.

Bruno spoke of the many changes in education over the past 50 years. "In 1939," he said, "the school system employed 50 teachers. We now have over 300. The budget for the schools was \$147,000 in 1939; our current budget is \$12 million. The Class of '39 graduated 83 students and our class of 1989 is about 340. Yes, there have been many changes in 50 years."

## Barbara A. Moreau Promoted To Airman In Air Force

Barbara A. Moreau has been promoted to airman. She is an administrative specialist with the 1960th Communications Squadron at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico.

Airman Moreau is the daughter of Raymond R. & Marguerite P. Moreau of Feeding Hills. She graduated in 1988 from Agawam High School.

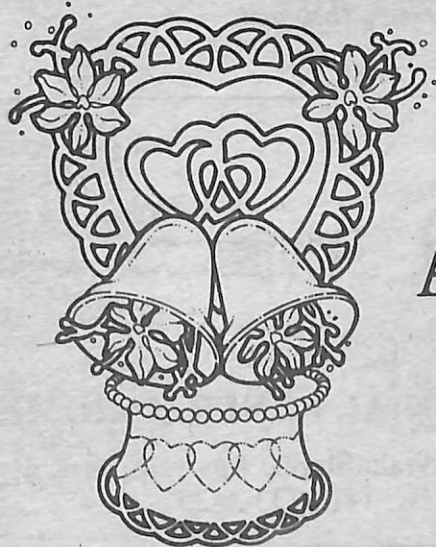
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**CLASS OFFICERS** from the Agawam High School Class of 1939. From left - Roy Andersen, Sabby DePalma Sinclair, Mitchell Zielinski, and Alice Kennedy LaFleur. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**CLASS REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS**, from left - Margaret Ardizoni, Jean Goss, Fannie Rossinio Cupidi, George Kachon, Eva Cirillo Farland, Dorothy Steele Major, Zoafia Subotin Demko. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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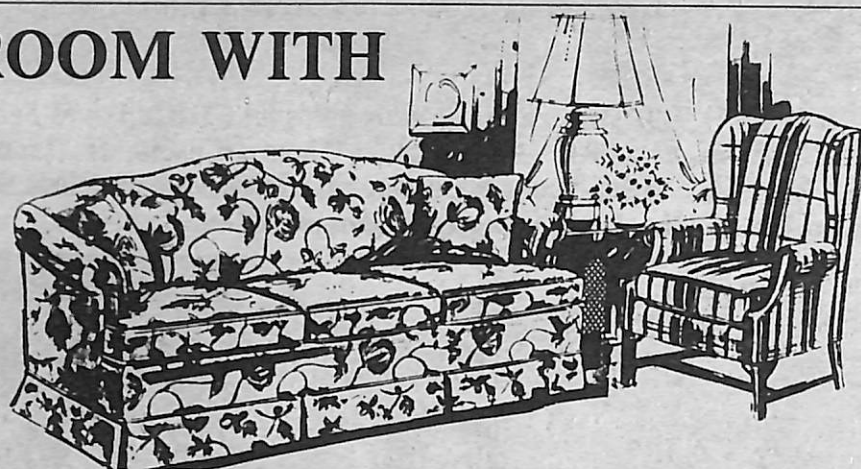
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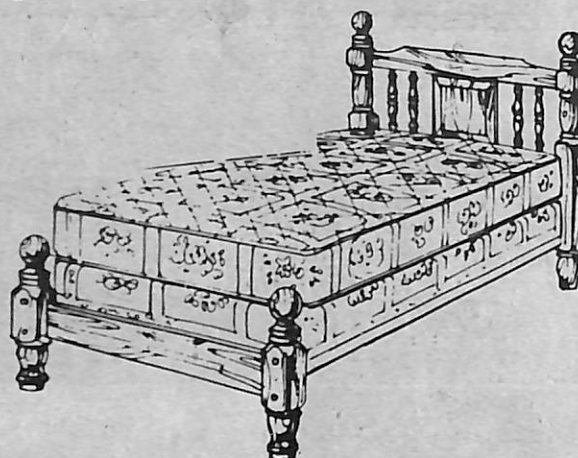
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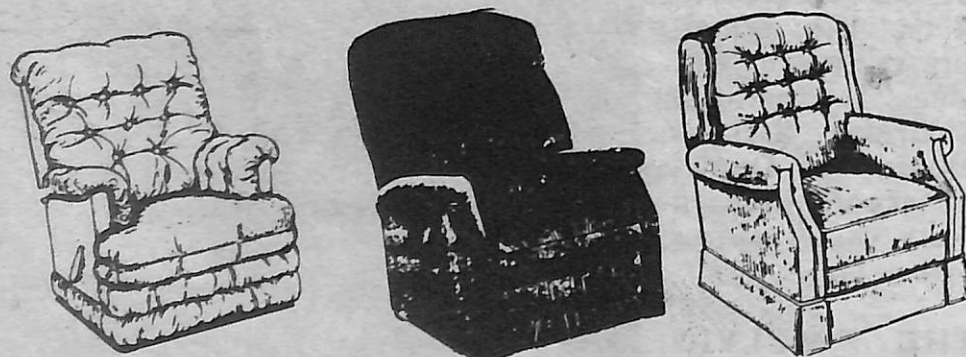
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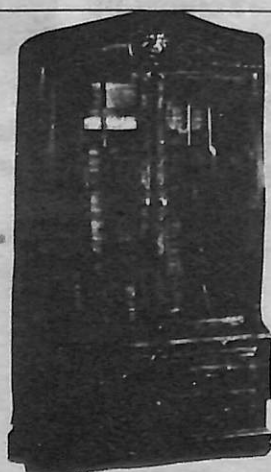
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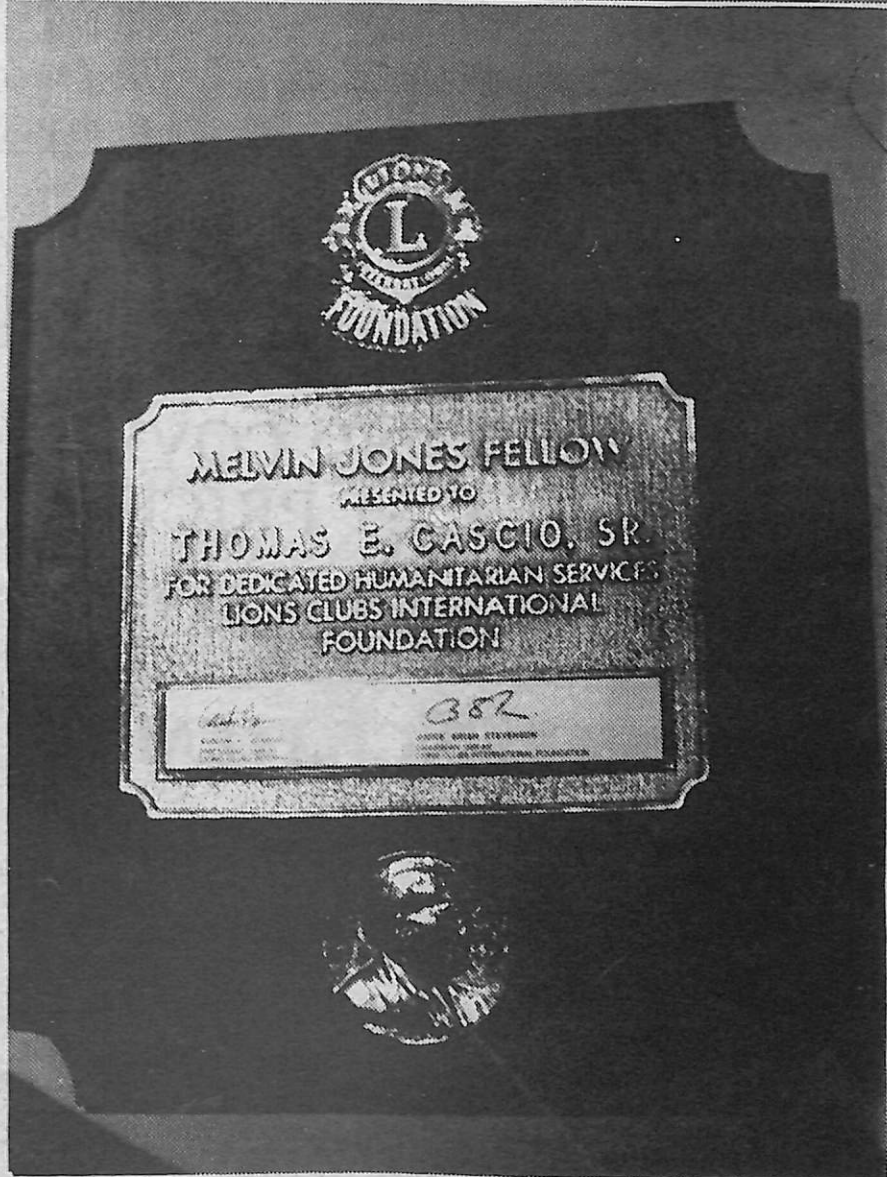
# 45 Wonderful Years Of Service



THOMAS E. CASCIO, SR. (center) proudly holds his Melvin Jones Fellowship Award as family members look on. From left - Anne Cascio, Thomas Cascio, Jr. (Lions president), Marianne Shenefield, Dan Shenefield, Thomas Cascio, Sr., Scott Moore, Chris Shenefield, Kim Cascio, and Thomas Cascio, III. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THOMAS E. CASCIO, SR., the Melvin Jones Fellowship recipient, and his son, Thomas E. Cascio, Jr., Agawam Lions Club president, are pictured at the 45th anniversary celebration with Lions International Chairman Richard Messier and District Governor Richard Leary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THE MELVIN JONES Fellowship recognizes humanitarian services to Lions International, and Agawam's Thomas E. Cascio, Sr., fits that bill without a doubt. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Thomas E. Cascio, Sr. Receives

In recognition of exemplary humanitarian service, Thomas E. Cascio, Sr., has received the Melvin Jones Fellowship from Lions Club International Foundation. Named for the founder of Lions Clubs International, the Fellowship recognizes individuals who demonstrate deep commitment toward serving others.

A resident of Agawam, and a member of the Agawam Lions Club, Cascio joins over 10,000 individuals in more than 70 countries worldwide who have received this distinction. Thomas E. Cascio, Sr. is an active member of his community, and has also received lifetime membership and a key award in his club.

Through the use of donated funds, Lions Clubs International Foundation makes possible programs devoted to humanitarian services, vocational training, and major disaster relief. Recent grants include US \$1.4 million for research into the prevention of diabetes-related blindness, and more than US \$500,000 to bring drug awareness programs into schools around the world.

Lions Clubs International Foundation is part of Lions Clubs International, the world's largest service club organization with over 1.3 million members in 161 countries.

## 250 Gather For 45th Anniversary

On April 29th, the Agawam Lions Club celebrated its 45th Anniversary at a party held at Chez Josef in Agawam. There were approximately 250 Lions, Lioness, guests, and dignitaries on hand to share in the festivities.

In attendance were five charter members: Norman Roberts, Vincent Gallerani, Fred Emerson, John Carlson (the only continuous 45-year member), and former member John McGovern.

The Eastern States Committee Award was presented to Jim Loomis. The Massachusetts Eye Research Trust and Endowment Fund Award was presented to Frank Hardina in absentia. An award was presented to each of the four charter members. The prestigious Melvin Jones Award was presented to Thomas E. Cascio, Sr. in recognition of his devotion and hard work in Lionism.

The Agawam Lions Club was presented a certificate



AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB PRESIDENT Diane Simpson receives congratulations from Lions Club President Thomas E. Cascio, Jr., for all the help the Lioness provide to the Lions Club throughout the year. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

# Congratulations



# Celebrated By Agawam Lions Club

## ive Melvin Jones Fellowship

Melvin Jones Fellows comprise a 74-country network of individuals dedicated to the support of worldwide humanitarian service.

The Fellowship is the highest form of recognition bestowed by Lions Clubs International Foundation, the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International. Presented to those who make donations of US \$1,000 or more, and to anyone in whose name such a donation is made, the Fellowship was created in 1973 to honor individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to humanitarian endeavors.

From 1973 until recently, as the Foundation grew, the Fellowship kept pace. Then, at the 1986 Lions Clubs International Convention in New Orleans, the Foundation's trustees issued a challenge to Lions worldwide; to increase the ranks of the Fellowship to 20,000 in honor of LCIF's 20th anniversary in 1988.

Lions have responded enthusiastically. Since that challenge was issued, the Fellowship has virtually exploded, with record numbers of generous individuals expressing their concern for humanity through LCIF.

Although yet a relatively young Foundation, LCIF has already offered a base of support to many hundreds of important programs. And when the goal of 20,000 Melvin Jones Fellows is reached, LCIF's service capabilities will be multiplied many times.

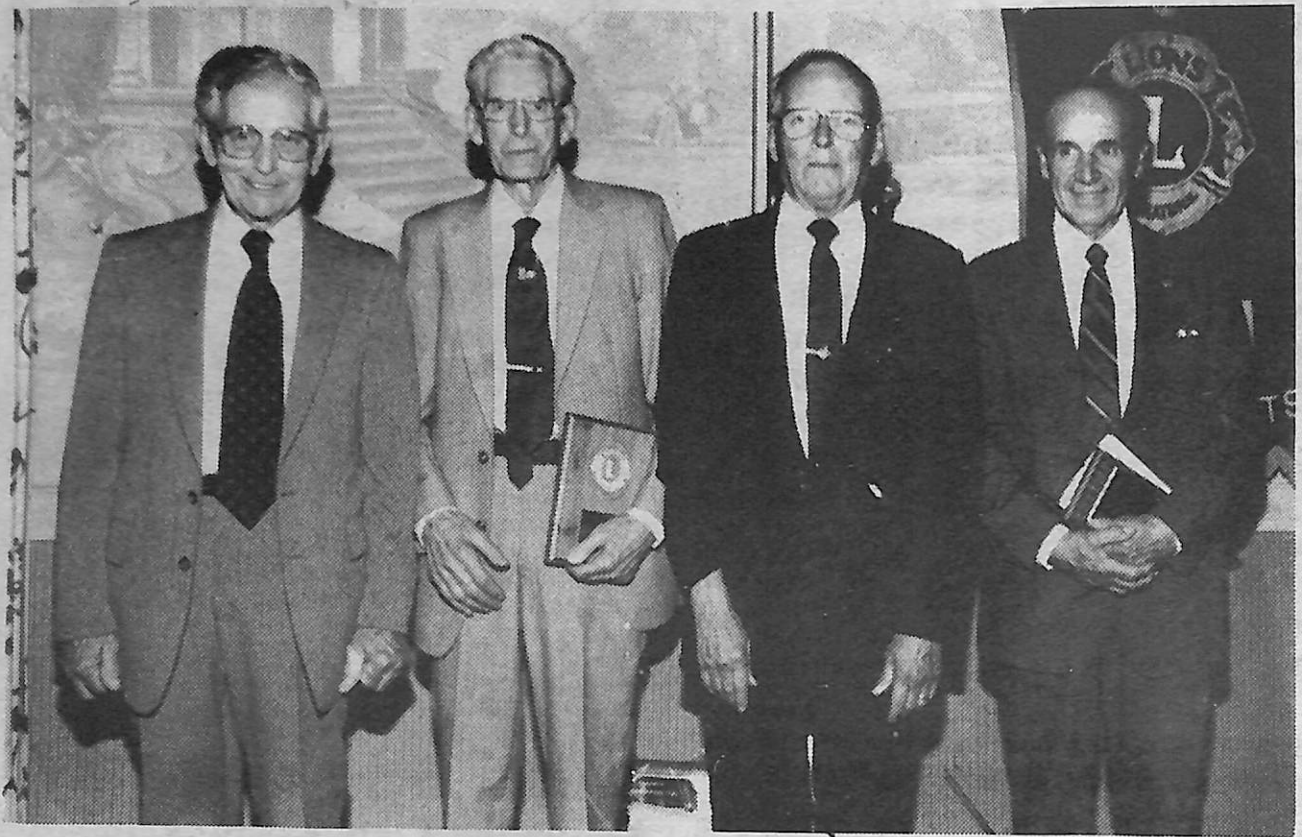
## ersary Party At Chez Josef

of appreciation from District Lioness President Elaine Roberts. A congratulatory resolution was officially presented to Agawam Lions President Tom Cascio, Jr. by State Representative Michael P. Walsh.

The West Springfield Lions Club, who were cosponsored by the Agawam Lions Club, presented a plaque with a gavel on it to the Agawam club in appreciation for their support and sponsorship. Diane Simpson, president of the Agawam Lioness Club, presented the club with an electric sign to be used at the Eastern States Exposition for their chicken barbecue.

Fred Emerson was the master of ceremonies, and the guest speaker was Past District Governor Glen Croteau who gave a warm and thought-provoking speech.

The Agawam Lions Club would like to extend its thanks to all those who made the event such an overwhelming success.



CHARTER MEMBERS of the Agawam Lions Club honored at the 45th Anniversary Celebration are, from left - Norman Roberts, John Carlson (45 years continuous member), Frederick Emerson, and Vincent Gallerani. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

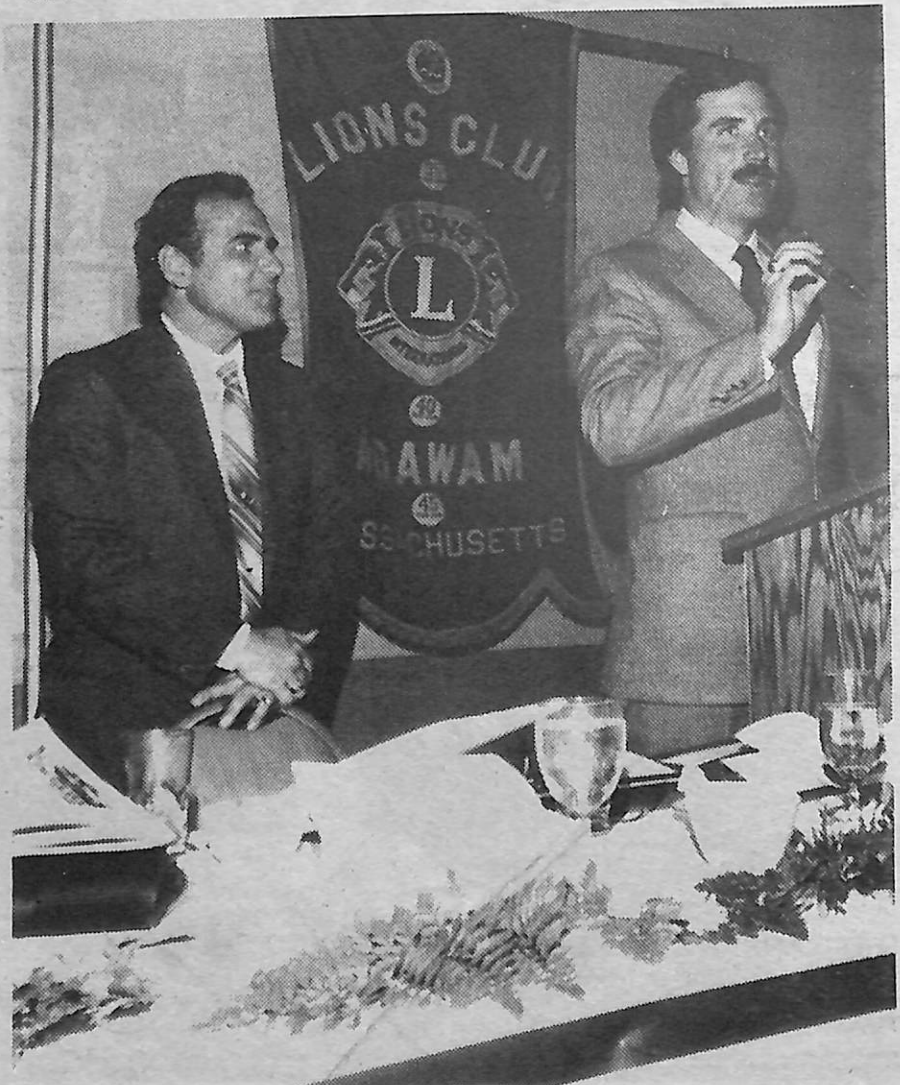


MEMBERS OF THE committee who organized the 45th Anniversary of the Agawam Lions Club. From left - Frank Disco, Thomas E. Cascio, Jr., Raymond Olson, Thomas E. Cascio, Sr., Paul Tatro, Frank Chriscola, Warren Roberts, and Frederick Emerson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

STATE REP. Michael P. Walsh gives a few comments of praise to members of the Agawam Lions as President Thomas Cascio looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PROUDLY HOLDING "The Eastern States Committee Award" are Lions Club members Donald Sorel (left) and James Loomis (right). Looking on is Lions Club President Thomas E. Cascio, Jr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



# Agawam Lions



## Calendar Of Events Golden Age Club

**June 2nd: Chapter**—Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m., at the Senior Center.

**June 7th: Chapter 2**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with the fifth and sixth grade chorale as entertainment.

**June 14th: Chapter 1**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

**June 21st: Chapter 2**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with gift bingo.

**June 23rd: Chapter 2**—Dinner Board Meeting.

**June 26th: Chapter 2**—Trip to The Pines in the Catskills, New York. (five days, returning Friday night).

**June 28th: Chapter 1**—Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m., with entertainment by pianist Brian Trybulski.

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I would suggest that you contact the local Board of Health or the Housing Court if your landlord will not correct the problem.

### Dan & Lori Ilnick Announce Birth Of Son

Dan & Lori Ilnick of Beekman Drive, Agawam, proudly announce the birth of their son, Joshua Daniel.

Joshua was born May 10th at 7:09 a.m., at Wesson Women's Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 20½ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Rodney & Dianne Richardson of Pleasant Drive, Feeding Hills.

## AEA Sullivan Donation



**GAIL DION**, president of the Agawam Education Association, the union representing the town's teachers, presents a check to **Marilyn Curry**, chairwoman of the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee, towards the purchase of the commemorative statue to be placed in Feeding Hills Center, honoring the legacy of Anne Sullivan and her famous student, Helen Keller. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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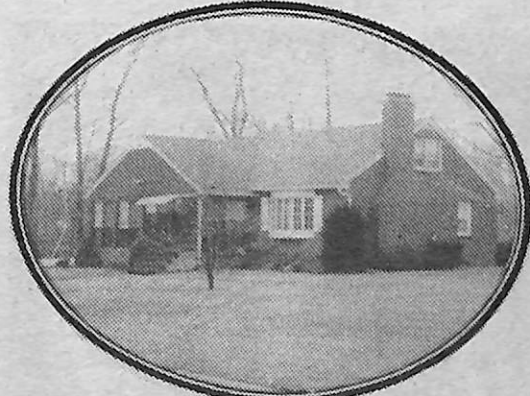
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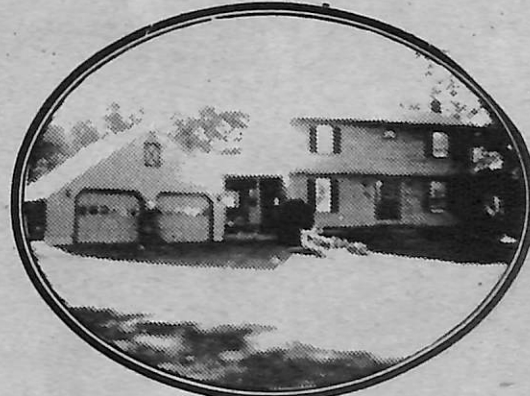
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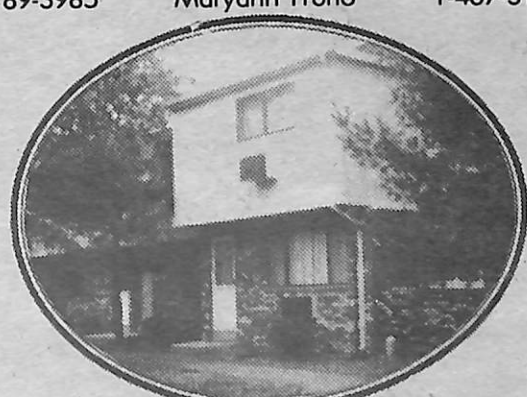
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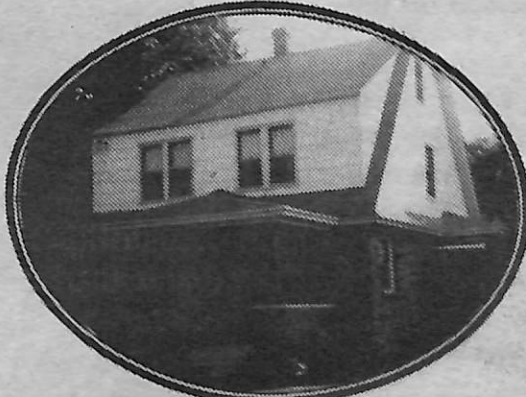
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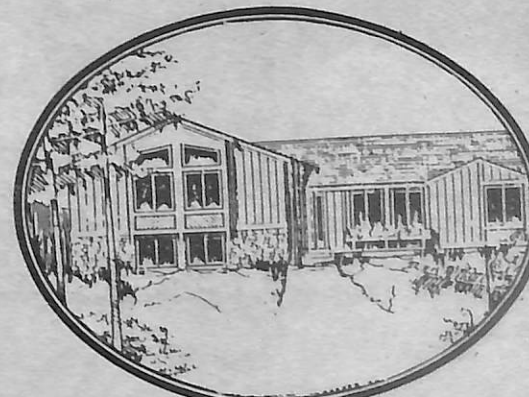
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## Spotlight On Business



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**RIVERSIDE AMUSEMENT PARK** Maintenance Director T.C. Freeman presents electrician Bob Stamm with a maintenance award for last month. Also receiving an award was foreman Ted Langlois (missing from photo).

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by Christine Piesyk  
Advertiser News Staff

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Open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays, **Words Unlimited** also has 24-hour service available by dialing their Southwick number, 569-0500. Their Feeding Hills number is 789-4575.



**WORDS UNLIMITED** owner Paula Collins works on her computer last week to get out a job on time for a customer. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**Spotlight On Business - continued...****F.H. Attorney George Hellquist  
Receives Professional Award**

On Saturday, May 20th, Attorney George A. Hellquist of Feeding Hills was presented with the "Distinguished Service to Profession Award" by the General Education Alumni Association of Boston University as part of the university's weekend commencement activities. This award was presented at an awards ceremony and luncheon held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel and recognized Attorney Hellquist for his outstanding contribution to business and consumer law.

Attorney Hellquist received an associate in arts degree from the College of General Education, and a bachelor of arts degree from Boston University; master of business administration degree from American International College, and the juris doctor degree from Western New England College School of Law. He maintains a private law practice in Southwick.

Hellquist has been admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and before the United States Federal District Court. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, and the Hampden County Bar Association. He has also been appointed as a commercial arbitrator by the American Arbitration Association. He participates in the Bar Advocate Program in Hampden County.

Active in community and business activities, Hellquist has served as chapter officer, director, and member of the National Editorial Board for the American Production and Inventory Control Society; chapter president of the Society for Advancement of Management; member of the American Society of Training Directors; and the American Rocket Society. He has also been a member of the Student Selection Committee of the Agawam Chapter of the American Field Service, and an advisor for the Westfield Junior Achievement Chapter. He was chairman of the Agawam Land Use Committee.

Presently he is a director of the Agawam Counseling Center and chairman of its Property Acquisition Committee. He has held positions of data processing and systems manager, materials manager, and manager of personnel and industrial relations with nationally recognized companies such as Beatrice Foods, Johnson Controls, Emhart Industries, and Westvaco.

As an author, Hellquist has had articles published in the *Journal of the American Production and Inventory Control Society*, *American Marketing*, and the *Bluebook of Manufacturing*. He has also authored several articles dealing with the law for *The Agawam Advertiser News*. His most recent article deals with the use of computers in defective products litigation, and was published in *Trial*, the monthly magazine of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America.

Attorney Hellquist taught marketing and management at Eastern Connecticut State University where he was an assistant professor. He also taught production management and industrial relations in the graduate program of business administration at Western New England College. He has been an adjunct professor at Westfield State College in the Criminal Justice Department, where he taught courses in white collar crime and the American judicial system. He is an instructor in the American Paralegal Studies program held at Springfield College.

A native of Belmont, Massachusetts, Attorney Hellquist has resided in Feeding Hills since 1955. He makes his home at 26 Wilbert Terrace with his wife, Nancy, a fifth grade teacher at the Agawam Middle School. They are the parents of three daughters, Karen Carpenter of Granville, Lisa Hellquist of Feeding Hills, and Christine Impoco of Springfield.



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We encourage you to keep your Sunday afternoon free, for a healthy rest from the work of the the past week, and for taking time to be with family and friends.

Sunday evenings feature occasional Bible classes or home-based fellowship groups, in which we find additional support to meet the days and weeks ahead.

Together we find that Sunday propels us forward, and gives us God's strength to meet the challenges of every day, especially today.

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*Spotlight On Business - continued...***George & Green Names Top Agents**

KATHY AYRE (left), manager of George & Green Real Estate, Main Street, Agawam Center, and Barbara Vaughn (right), assistant manager, present agent Greg Blair with a plaque naming him as the "Top Listing Agent" for April. Chet Kasperek (next to Barbara) was named as the "Top Selling Agent" for April. Established in 1975 as a full real estate company, both residential and commercial, G & G located its new corporate headquarters in Agawam in December 1987.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** our deadline is every Tuesday at noontime. Don't miss our Annual GRADUATION EDITION On June 15th!!!



**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER** Peter Stahovich of Agawam receives "Professional Excellence Award" from Captain Mike Dodson as Sheriff Michael Ashe applauds.

### Peter Stahovich Receives Prof. Excellence Award

Sheriff Michael J. Ashe, Jr. has announced that Correctional Officer Peter Stahovich of Agawam has received a Professional Excellence Award as part of National Correctional Officers' Week observance.

The Professional Excellence Award is given to officers who exemplify the motto, "Strength reinforced with decency, firmness dignified with fairness."

Officer Stahovich holds an associate in science degree from Springfield Technical Community College, and is a graduate of the Department of Correction Training academy. He has been with the Sheriff's Department since 1980.

In announcing the award, Sheriff Ashe said, "When I played football, we had a saying that while the eyes of the crowd may be on the runners, passers, and receivers, the game was won or lost in the pits where the interior lines battled. The same is true in corrections. The game is won or lost with the line officers away from the cheers and cameras. Perhaps this takes place at 3:00 a.m., when most are asleep and when only the officer and those inmates who are awake, can appreciate the good sense, strength, and decency of an officer's action."

"I wish to take the opportunity of National Correctional Officers' Week to publicly acknowledge and salute the men and women who serve as correctional officers. I urge my fellow citizens to do the same," concluded Ashe.

# Gentlemen, start your gardens!

Memorial Day Weekend is traditionally known for two things: The Indy 500, and the official "safe" time to plant the garden, free from any frost.

We've got Memorial Day pots, thousands of geraniums, rose bushes, annuals, perennials, vegetables plants, and more!

The stand is now open with our own hothouse tomatoes, native asparagus and spinach, and a wide selection of fresh fruits and vegetables.

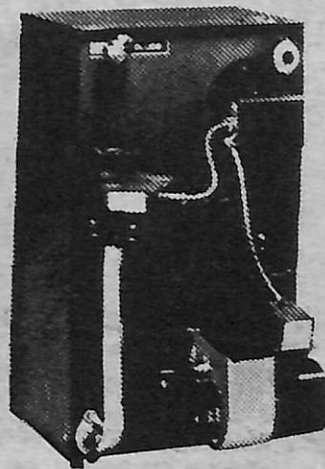


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## Agawam Baptist Church Sponsors Tag Sale



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM BAPTIST CHURCH held a Tag Sale recently. From left - Amy Paradysz and Lorie Baker; Janice Lock and Hope Paradysz. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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## Charlene M. Griggs Bride Of Mr. Foley

Miss Charlene Marie Griggs and George Michael Foley were married on February 18th, 1989 in Anchorage, Alaska.

The wedding took place in the First Congregational Church on Northern Lights Boulevard, and was officiated by Reverend Plank.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jack Griggs of Beulah, Colorado.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Jacobs, former Agawam residents, now living in Eagle River, Alaska, and T. Foley.

Flora Martin was maid of honor, and Jennifer Martin was flower girl.

Tom Martin served as best man, and Adam

Malmberg was ringbearer.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Officers' Club at Elmendorf Air Force Base, Anchorage, Alaska.

The bride is a 1984 graduate of Rye High School, Rye Colorado. She is employed as cashier/sales for Northern Lights Bingo.

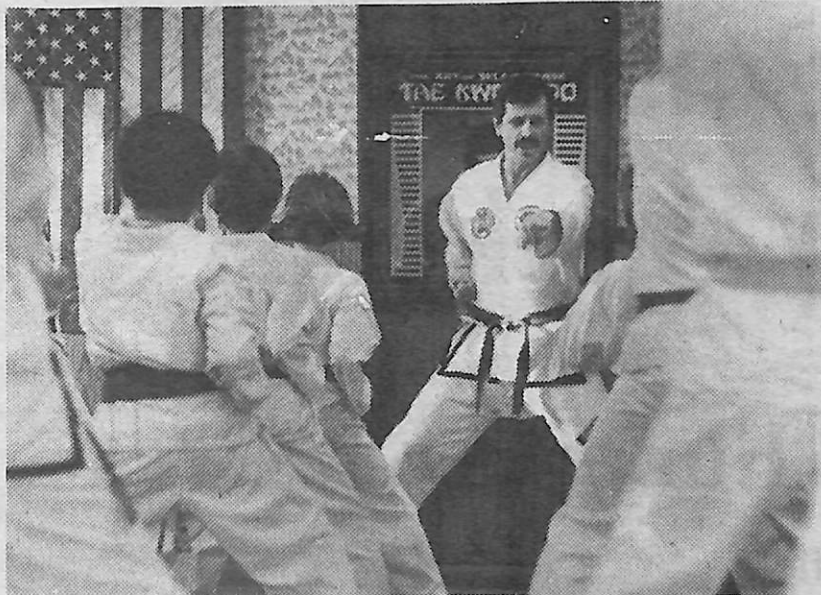
The groom is a 1983 graduate of Agawam High School. He has just finished basic training, and is currently attending technical school at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois, where he will graduate as a non-destructive inspection specialist.

The couple will make their home in Eagle River, Alaska.

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CRAIG CARR was the guest speaker at the Agawam Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Ronald McDonald House Rep Speaks To Agawam Juniors

Craig Carr, representative for Ronald McDonald House was the guest speaker Tuesday, May 16th, at the Agawam Junior Women's Club. She gave those in attendance some very informational facts concerning the Ronald McDonald House to be built in Springfield.

They plan to build a 20-bedroom house which will cost an estimated \$2 million. They hope to start construction late this fall with its completion a year from the start.

This house will be within walking distance of both Baystate Medical and the Shriner's Hospital. The regional McDonald's have pledged \$1 million, however, that still leaves \$1 million to be raised. These houses are furnished from top to bottom and are intended to make the families staying there feel as much at home as possible.

In June the Agawam Junior Women's Club will hold a car wash with funds raised to go to the Ronald McDonald House. Tickets for this car wash will be available at the Arts and Crafts Fair, June 3rd and 4th. More information about the car wash will follow.

Best Local News

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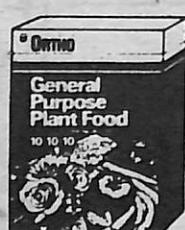
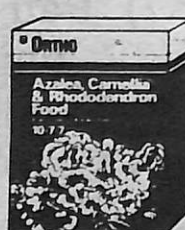


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## Anne Sullivan's Legacy Gets World's Attention

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Although "Teacher" and student were to be well received, many trials and tribulations confronted them. Annie Sullivan continually exerted every effort to help Helen Keller to improve her speech. Even though the student had already learned to read the speech of others, this was not enough to satisfy the teacher.

By 1894 Annie and Helen were invited to attend a new school of teaching oral language to the deaf. Their finances were at the lowest level, but they had high hopes! With some improvement in articulation, Helen came to the conclusion that she would never have a normal voice.

During this period, Annie and her student were to meet many notable figures. Needless to say, Miss Sullivan was acknowledged as a great teacher by many of these famous people. However, it was Dr. Alexander Graham Bell who was to have the greatest influence on Annie.

By now she began to wonder if her student deserved a more capable teacher. On occasion tempting offers had been made to "Teacher" (which Helen called Annie). But in spite of everything, Annie continued to stand by Helen.

The years of Helen Keller's formal education were difficult ones for Annie. In 1898 Helen enrolled in the Cambridge School for Young Ladies. This proved a trying time for Annie since the director of the school made an unsuccessful attempt to separate the two people who had become as one.

Only through the intervention of Mrs. Keller and

some of Annie's friends, namely Dr. Bell, was the problem brought to a happy conclusion. Never again would a separation be attempted.

After years of study and examinations, Helen Keller finally entered Radcliffe College where she graduated with honors following four years of devoted assistance from Annie Sullivan.

During this time Annie was to meet her future husband, John Macy. Also, Helen Keller was to write her book: "The Story of My Life," in which only a brief account mentioned Annie Sullivan (and this was at her own request).

Upon completion of college, both Helen and Annie were perplexed as to the future. Miss Keller decided on a career of writing which proved not too satisfactory. Annie, after careful meditation, had decided to continue with her role as Helen's teacher. Annie's impending marriage to John Macy weighed heavily on her mind, but they finally were married on May 2nd, 1905, thereby merging three strong personalities under the same roof.

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In the years that followed, these three individuals lived within a whirlwind of anxieties and frustrations with moments of happiness. Helen remained the center of attraction, while "Teacher" was to stand in the shadow of her student. Amidst national social upheaval and impending world war, the Macy home in Wrentham echoed the socio-political opinions of the inhabitants. All three people were professed socialists.

In January 1914, Annie and Helen began their first continental lecture tour. Following a series of singing lessons, Helen had still hoped to improve her voice; however, Annie had to interpret Helen's lectures. It

was at this time that "Teacher" expressed her philosophy of education established on the theory of freedom and discipline as opposed to the traditional methods then employed.

It seemed that Annie and Helen were to be forever harassed by financial problems. Their money difficulties seemed at an end when Helen made a silent movie of her life, only to have the film prove a failure. Finally, the two women established an education act in vaudeville. This was more successful.

Annie's eyes continued to fail her, but in spite of their painful condition, she insisted on helping Helen to write her autobiography. Annie Sullivan Macy was never one to pity the blind (since she was a practical person and in this respect she was to follow her own advice).

The year 1930 saw the first of several trips to Europe for Annie and Helen. For some time Annie had hoped to learn more of her parents. It was for this reason she had returned to Feeding Hills before going to Ireland, but old memories only depressed her and the matter ended.

At home and abroad, the two women were bestowed with honors. Always, Helen was to stand the taller of the two in the eyes of the public. That the student should reap the glory of the harvest over the teacher was of little concern to Annie. Annie Sullivan Macy truly was a teacher who found strength in the youth of the world but mostly in her first concern, Helen Keller.

If "Teacher" held her student in such esteem, certainly Helen was to be forever grateful to Annie, who had given her the light of knowledge and the power of self-confidence.

With a final and fitting tribute to "Teacher," the story of Annie Sullivan Macy comes to a quiet conclusion in the year 1934 at their home in Forest Hills, Long Island, New York:

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# Agawam Lioness Hold Annual Tag Sale



AGAWAM LIONESS CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Karen Frantz, Debbie Forastiere (incoming president), Marie Kellogg (chairwoman), Miriam Taupier, Terri Angotti, and Joy Smith display items for sale at the recent Tag Sale sponsored by the club at Sacred Heart Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MANNING THE BAKED GOODS TABLE for the Agawam Lioness are, from left - Nancy Malone, Adele Bonavita, Priscilla Peterson, and Helen Merklein. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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He is a 1979 graduate of Gateway Regional High School, Huntington.

## Town Clean-Up Day Slated For Saturday, June 3d

On June 3rd, the Second Annual Townwide Clean-Up Day will be held.

This year many volunteers will be rewarded for their efforts. Sponsors for the event, Riverside Park, E.B.'s Restaurant, Rollaway, Peterjon's, and Parthenon Pizza have donated gift certificates to be used in a drawing at the completion of the day.

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**June 6th, Tuesday:** 12:00 noon, "Birthday Recognition." Reservations are required.

**June 6th, Tuesday:** 1:00 p.m., Blood Pressure, A-L.

**June 7th, Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., Podiatry, Dr. Haynes.

**June 9th, Friday:** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Diabetic Screening (temporary date change).

**June 13th, Tuesday:** 12:30 p.m., special program with Janis Peueaulp. Topics will include "How To Manage Your Checking Account," "What Your Privileges Are After 60."

**June 15th, Thursday:** 12:30 p.m., special program with Robert O'Byck of Blue Cross-Blue Shield. Topic—"Medicare Beneficiary Education."

**June 16th, Friday:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Representative Michael Walsh in the Senior Center Library.

**June 20th, Tuesday:** 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., "Serving Health Information Needs Of Elders," S.H.I.N.E., by appointment.

**June 20th, Tuesday:** 1:00 p.m., Blood Pressure, M-Z.

**June 21st, Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m., Mercy Hospital Hearing Van, by appointment.

**June 27th, Tuesday:** 12:30 p.m., special program, "Medical Awareness," continued, with Ray Provost, pharmacist.

**June 27th, Tuesday:** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Legal Consultation, with Attorney Teryl Jansons, by appointment.

**June 29th, Thursday:** 12:45 p.m., special program, with Springfield Kennel Club. Demonstration "Dog Obedience."

**SENIOR CENTER VAN SCHEDULE FOR**

### JUNE (Saturdays)

**June 3rd & June 17th:** Eastfield Mall, Springfield Plaza, and Agawam Library.

**June 10th and June 24th:** Westfield Shops and Holyoke Mall.

A special 12:30 p.m. program scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th, will feature Attorney Steven J.J. Weisman who will speak on "Protecting Your Home From Medical Liens." Attorney Weisman has a Talk Show on WRKO every Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. His show focuses on how the law affects us all. He has spoken extensively to senior citizen groups giving invaluable advice on matters concerning elderly affairs. Mark your calendar now, so you don't miss out.

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Matron of honor was Chris Gutowski. Bridesmaids were Fran Malanson, Patty Bressette, Michelle Pastore, and Cara Tonelli. Flower girl was Michelle Bressette.

Thomas Ritter, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Paul Ritter, Anthony Santenallo, Jim Gutowski, and Sean Ritter. Ringbearer was Michael Hastings, son of the bride.

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## "Operation Friendship" Dinner Sponsored At F.H. Congo Church



HELPING OUT WITH THE "Operation Friendship" Roast Beef Dinner at the baked goods table are, from left - Rachael White, Shelley Rose, and Jen Daubney. Operation Friendship brings groups of foreign students into the community each summer.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



RUTH & GEORGE WALLIS enjoy their salads at the "Operation Friendship" Dinner sponsored at Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HARD AT WORK in the Feeding Hills Congregational kitchen are Pat Daubney and Sue Mueller. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AGAWAM MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON presented Heritage Hall residents with a town proclamation to honor National Nursing Home Week. Residents in photo are Bertha Hassett, Karl Goehring, Anna Tyminski, Carmine Battista, Theresa McKechnie, Alice Cote, Pearl Horton, and Magdalen Fleming. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



HERITAGE HALL SOUTH BUILDING residents, from left - Helen Koutrompis, Pearl Horton, Mary Agnes Shea attended a delicious buffet reception last week with staff members to celebrate "National Nursing Home Week." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Town Proclamation Recognizes National Nursing Home Week

*WHEREAS: Our community's citizens now residing in nursing homes have contributed greatly to the traditions we in the Town of Agawam have come to cherish; and*

*WHEREAS: The staff and volunteers who care for residents in nursing homes have built their own unique traditions of providing quality care; and*

*WHEREAS: Members of the American Health Care Association and the Massachusetts Federation of Nursing Homes are sponsoring National Nursing Home Week;*

*THEREFORE: Do I, Christopher C. Johnson, as Mayor of the Town of Agawam proclaim the week of May 14-20 as Nursing Home Week in this community and urge all citizens to join in the observance by visiting nursing home residents and setting aside some special time to learn about long term care and the traditions of caring that nursing homes have established.*

**Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor**

## Attend Sunday Services May 28, 1989

"The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" *Psalm 27: 1*

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## Transient Vision Loss Is No Laughing Matter; See Your Eye Doctor

In today's health-conscious society, more people than ever are able to recognize early warning signs of disease. There are few of us, for instance, who don't equate chest pain and shortness of breath with heart problems.

But according to Dr. Richard Gallerani of Feeding Hills, there is one common warning which patients often overlook—transient vision loss.

Transient vision loss occurs when vision is interrupted in one or both eyes, then returns to normal. Such vision loss may last from a few minutes to several hours.

These episodes of visual disruption can occur as frequently as every day or as rarely as once a year, and can indicate a variety of medical conditions, including an increased risk of heart attack and stroke in people over age 40.

When the episodes affect patients middle-aged or older, they may signal arteriosclerosis—commonly called 'hardening of the arteries.'

Many sufferers of transient vision loss ignore the episodes because vision may return to normal after only several minutes.

Thanks to many public information programs, people know to see a doctor if they experience certain symptoms. But when people's vision is impaired for only a few minutes, they frequently shrug it off.

Patients may experience one or more of the following changes in vision during an episode: sight which becomes very bright—almost completely white; sight which becomes completely black or fuzzy; seeing jagged lines or lights in their field of vision; the sensation that a certain or veil is being drawn across their field of vision.

Transient vision loss can affect people of all ages. While disturbing at any age, these episodes are rarely cause for alarm in young, otherwise healthy patients.

In healthy young people, most of the spells are benign. In fact, most cases in young people are related to migraine. In other cases, patients don't have a serious problem but we just can't identify a specific cause.

Some patients may experience visual disturbances related to migraines but without the typical headache. Occasionally, migraine symptoms may not affect patients until they are in their 50's or 60's.

Patients who see their ophthalmologist with symptoms of transient vision loss, generally undergo a series of non-invasive tests, such as blood evaluation, to determine the cause.

It is helpful for patients who experience any sort of vision disruption that lasts longer than a few seconds to remember details of the episode.

Any information patients can provide to their ophthalmologist may help to find the underlying cause of the episodes. For example, a visual disturbance with jagged lines and flashing lights suggests that migraine may be the cause.

Most importantly, anyone who experiences an incident of vision loss in one or both eyes lasting more than a few seconds should contact their eye doctor. The episodes could indicate the presence of a serious medical condition.

The eye is actually an outpost of the brain. When people lose feeling on one side, they worry about a stroke. They should also be concerned when they experience transient vision loss.

## Heritage Hall Celebrates Nursing Home Week



HERITAGE HALL EAST STAFF MEMBERS celebrate National Nursing Home Week by holding a "Clown Charades" with residents last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Musing From A Golden Ager (submitted by Edward Borgatti, Jr.) "I'm Fine....I'm Fine"

*There's nothing whatever the matter with me  
I'm just as healthy as I can be.*

*I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak and my blood is thin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.*

*My teeth eventually have to come out  
And my diet I hate to think about.  
I'm overweight and I can't get thin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.*

*Arch supports I have for my feet  
Or I wouldn't be able to walk on the street  
Sleep is denied me every night  
And every morning I am a sight.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin  
I'm practically living on aspirin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.*

*The moral is as this tale we unfold  
That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say, "I'm fine" with a grin  
Than to let them know the shape I'm in.*

*How do I know my youth has been spent?  
Because my "get up and go" got up and went.  
But in spite of all that I'm able to grin*

*When I think of where my "get up and go"  
has been.*

*"Old age is golden," I've heard it said  
But sometimes I wonder as I go to bed  
My ears in a drawer, my teeth in a cup  
My eyes on the table until I get up.*

*'Ere sleep dims my eyes I say to myself  
Is there anything else I should lay on the shelf?  
But I'm happy to say as I close my eyes  
My friends are the same as in days gone by.*

*When I was young my slippers were red  
I could kick my heels right over my head.  
When I grew older my slippers were blue,  
But I still could dance the whole night thru.*

*Now I'm old, my slippers are black  
I walk to the corner and puff my way back  
The reason I know my youth has been spent  
My "get up and go" has got up and went.  
But I really don't mind when I think with  
a grin*

*Of all the places my "get up" has been  
I get up each morning and dust off my wits  
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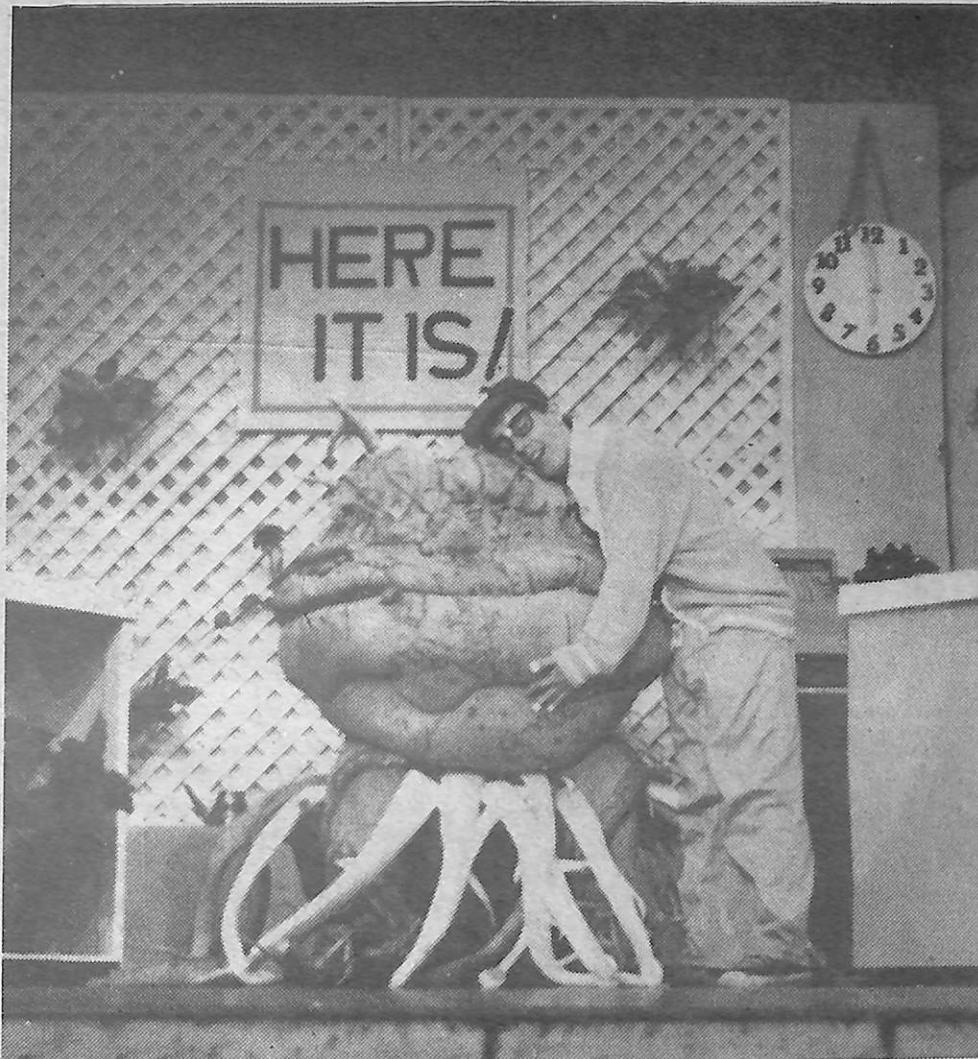
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# Arts



SEYMOUR (Louis Manzi) thanks Audrey II for making him rich and enabling him to woo the human Audrey.



MR. MUSHNIK (Paul Gessay) looks on as Seymour (Louis Manzi) explains his plan for the plant to Audrey (Lisa Parker).

## Huge Winner For Suffield Players' *Little Shop Of...*

by Phil Benoit  
Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

During the Christmas season of 1986, filmgoers were treated to a humorously horrific and horticulturally-oriented bit of entertainment in the form of *Little Shop of Horrors*, a cinematic adaptation of the famous sci-fi musical comedy that has been a long-time staple of the off-Broadway stage. Now, thanks to the ever-resourceful and continually impressive Suffield Players, local theatre enthusiasts now have the opportunity to see for themselves why the live version of this particular story has been so popular for so many years.

The two-act *Little Shop of Horrors*, which ran last Thursday through Sunday, has four more performances scheduled for the next two Fridays (May 26th and June 2nd) and Saturdays (May 27th and June 3rd). All performances begin at 8:00 p.m. in historic Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Avenue, Suffield.

With book and lyrics by Howard Ashman, and music by Alan Menken, the show takes place in what appears to be New York City during the early 1960's. In the city's "Skid Row" neighborhood, there exists a far-from-being-successful flower shop which is owned and

operated by one Mr. Mushnik (Paul Gessay). In fact, the shop is currently in such financial distress that Mushnik is ready to close down for good and let go his two employees: Seymour (Louis Manzi), a bespectacled and overly mild-mannered young man; and Audrey (Lisa Parker), a bubbleheaded blonde with a penchant for gaudy attire.

However, Seymour comes to Mushnik's rescue when he reveals that he recently purchased a most unusual-looking plant from a Chinese florist for the low price of \$1.95. Resembling a Venus flytrap, this plant—according to Seymour—is the kind of attention-getter that will bring people to the shop and, thus, drum up some desperately-needed business.

Sure enough, the young man's find (named Audrey II, in honor of his comely co-worker) reaps big bucks for Mushnik and, in the process, turns Seymour himself into a celebrity of sorts. Unfortunately, things aren't

100-percent hunky-dory because Audrey II is, in truth, a talking extraterrestrial creature which appeared on Earth during a total eclipse of the sun, and which now needs a continuous supply of fresh human flesh and blood in order to survive and grow.

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Based on a low-budget thriller of the same title that was made in the early 1960's by horror-movie mogul Roger Corman and featured a VERY young Jack Nicholson, *Little Shop of Horrors* is an undeniably hilarious parody of both Grade B science-fiction flicks and the genre of musicals in general.

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**LITTLE SHOP - From Page 38...**

Regarding the Suffield Players' staging of this show, it represents the most technically demanding and eye-catching endeavor that this community theatre group has done since their unforgettable production of *Jesus Christ Superstar* almost two years ago. And, on a purely dramatic level, it makes for the most enjoyable and satisfying evening of playgoing that you're apt to see in a long, long time.

Under the inimitably first-rate direction of Ted Levine, *Little Shop of Horrors* is a supremely well-orchestrated effort which boasts consistently solid singing, top-notch choreography by Gus Rousseau, and superb musical accompaniment.

Speaking of this musical accompaniment, Levine—also serving as the show's musical director—has evoked outstanding work from Sue Gavini on keyboards, drummer Tim Harmon, John Secora on bass, and guitarist Randy Spaulding; together, these musicians successfully render the play's memorable and catchy numbers, namely the toe-tapping title tune "Little Shop of Horrors," the slyly droll "Somewhere That's Green," the maliciously funny "Feed Me," and the romantically and intentionally hokey "Suddenly Seymour."

Furthermore, this Suffield Players production has invaluable benefitted from the work of world-renowned puppeteer Frank Ballard and his students of the University of Connecticut's Dramatic Arts Department. Thanks to their contributions, we get to see not only two hand-held versions of Audrey II, but also a pair of huge incarnations which are able to swallow human beings.

And, a loud round of applause goes to the aforementioned Rousseau, stage manager Ginny Demoulakis, assistant producer Dorrie Mitchell, and Lisa Manzi for their manipulation of the two "grown" Audrey II's, as well as the creature's formidable and bellowing

"voice," Phil Prather (who, incidentally, also makes a brief yet amusing appearance as a derelict on "Skid Row").

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In the meantime, the performances in *Little Shop of Horrors* are just as splendid as the rest of the musical's elements. Portraying Chiffon, Crystal, and Ronette - a trio of chorus girls named after three female groups from rock music's early days—Lynn Ranson, Josie Harmon, and Agawam's Pat Haynes are delightfully entertaining and quite fun to watch. Besides doing an excellent job of supplying the show's vocal accompaniment, these singing ladies interact with the other characters, provide commentary on the story's proceedings, and on the whole, more than enhance the inherent vitality and energetic wit of this lively production.

Throughout the course of the plot, a number of bit roles (both male and female) are well-played by John Carlson. However, his most noteworthy portrayal in this play is that of Orin, a sadistic dentist who is hooked on nitrous oxide (a.k.a. laughing gas) and who, as the boyfriend of the human Audrey, provides her with such tokens of "affection" as black eyes and a broken arm.

A James Dean-ish individual with slicked-back hair, a black leather jacket, and a loud motorcycle, Orin takes center stage during the uproariously and satirically self-mocking number titled "Dentist!", and Carlson depicts this character with biting and enthusiastic proficiency.

As Mr. Mushnik, Gessay is quite good. He portrays his role as a surly and generally unpleasant man who is always berating Seymour and treating him like a worthless peon. But, when Seymour starts to become famous as a result of the publicity which Audrey II generates, and Mushnik begins to wonder if Seymour will soon leave his employ, Gessay gradually exhibits a slyly insincere sense of kindness towards the young man and, therefore, comes off as an even more effective

tively dislikable person than before.

Miss Parker, in the part of the flesh-and-blood Audrey, was the perfect choice to play this character. In earlier Suffield Players shows such as *Crimes of the Heart* and *The Curate Shakespeare As You Like It*, this actress rendered not-too-bright women with a most skillful persona of wide-eyed dimwittedness; this time around, she does the same thing with equal prowess and vigor.

And, at the same time, Miss Parker supplies the dopey and shrill-voiced Audrey with a temperament that is humorously melancholy, and this temperament is used to convey the character's lack of self-esteem and her deep-down fondness for Seymour.

As Seymour, Manzi was also ideally cast. If you saw the 1986 movie version of this musical and remember how great comic actor Ric Moranis (of *SCTV* and *Ghostbusters* fame) was in this particular role, then you'll have a good idea of the extremely high caliber of Manzi's performance.

Seymour is a wimpy young man who eventually comes to show a few fleeting moments of bravery, and this actor vividly brings him to life with the appropriate amount of nerdy charm and potential manliness; moreover, he also credibly exhibits puppy love-ish feelings of amour for Audrey, as well as a state of emotional turmoil over his you-feed-me-what-I-want-and-I'll-make-you-rich-and-famous relationship with the ever-hungry and dangerously carnivorous Audrey II.

**\*PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Tickets for the Suffield Players' production of *Little Shop of Horrors* are \$8 each and can be reserved by calling Pioneer Answering Service, 203-627-5749. Some tickets might be available at the door (including any reserved tickets which aren't picked-up by 15 minutes before each performance); however, the Players urge prospective patrons to make reservations through the Pioneer Answering Service in order to get the best seating possible.

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# StageWest Ends Fine 1988-89 Season On Sour Note

by Phil Benoit

Advertiser News Entertainment Editor

In the entertainment field, whether it be film, music, or theatre, there's an old saying which purports that you are only as good as your last effort. Therefore, I am saddened to report that StageWest—after having delighted its patrons with the hilarious comedy *The Nerd*—is now performing *Faith Healer*, a downright disappointing show which makes for a forgettably drab finale to its otherwise auspiciously memorable 1988-89 season.

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Penned by noted Irish playwright Brian Friel, this 1979 drama tells the gloomy story of a travelling faith healer who plies his chosen "profession" in remote areas of Scotland, Ireland, and Wales, and who is always accompanied by two people: a long-suffering woman whom he professes to love, and his ever-loyal theatrical manager.

But, instead of depicting the interaction between this trio of characters, *Faith Healer* showcases four separate monologues in which each of them gets to reveal their own thoughts and perspectives regarding their experiences together.

The title character of the story, Francis Hardy (William Leach), provides us with the opening and concluding monologues, and within the first few minutes of his initial appearance on the stage, we already have a pretty clear notion of what comprises his essential temperament. A morose man whose career as a faith healer has been marked by infrequent successes and many failures, Francis regards himself as a poor soul who has a love/hate relationship with his "calling."

According to him, he went into faith healing because, as a young man, he learned that he did indeed possess some spiritual power that could (on occasion) drastically improve the lives of some people. Unfortunately, as we discover as the story progresses, Francis' gift has done practically nothing to make things better in his own life.

In the play's second monologue, we are introduced to Grace (Shelley Williams), an emotionally-wracked woman who was not only once irreparably hurt by her own father, but has also been highly mistreated by

Francis throughout their many years together. And, as a foremost example of this mistreatment, Francis was deliberately not at Grace's side when she had given birth to their stillborn child in the back of a van.

Monologue three of *Faith Healer* features the reminiscences of Teddy (John Tyson), Francis' resilient manager. A long-time behind-the-scenes person in the oftentimes harrowing world of live entertainment, this man has always believed that a professional relationship between a manager and his client should never become personal; nevertheless, in the case of Francis and consequently Grace, he found himself eventually becoming emotionally involved with their never-ending troubles and conflicts.

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Directed by StageWest's artistic director, Eric Hill, and running at its S. Prestley Blake Mainstage until Sunday afternoon, June 4th, *Faith Healer* is supposed to leave us to come to our own conclusions as to whether we think Francis Hardy is a bona fide healer or just a silvery-tongued con artist. However, it is bound to leave you with only one conclusion—that this play is a boring production which creates nothing but restlessness among the audience.

Monologue-structured dramas can make for riveting theatre-going experiences, as has been proven with "one-man" shows which boast such historical figures as Mark Twain and Emily Dickinson. Yet, with the exception of the character of Teddy, there is nothing in *Faith Healer* which truly engages our attention.

Francis and Grace, for starters, are decidedly dull individuals whose terminal sense of depression is the only aspect of their personalities which is in the least bit fascinating. Otherwise, each of them is a vapid shell of a human being who is not worth any sort of emotional investment on our part.

Moreover, the script by playwright Friel leaves a great deal to be desired and demonstrates why this particular story has not been staged that often since its inception a decade ago.

Simultaneously stilted, bombastic, and long-winded, Friel's language quickly causes us to lose interest in

what is happening on the stage, and this resulting disinterest, in turn, causes us to lose track of the story. Meanwhile, the story itself—like the parts of Francis and Grace—is irreversibly weakened by all of this haughty wordage, thereby coming across as a lackluster source of drama rather than the powerful and moving tale that it initially had the potential to be.

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With regard to the acting, the three cast members who comprise StageWest's production of *Faith Healer* turn in fine performances which deserve much praise, and two of the players are especially worthy of kudos because they had to deal with the limitations of their respective characters.

In the leading role of Francis Hardy, Leach makes for a most somber presence. With rumpled clothing and a bleary-eyed face, this actor suitably conveys the worn-out physical disposition of a very exhausted man; at the same time, he does a skillful job of depicting Francis' emotionally bankrupt spirit with a wavering but still eloquent voice that frequently alternates in pitch to represent his conflicting moods of superficial lightheartedness and profound sadness.

As the equally pitiful Grace, Miss Williams also adeptly projects the demeanor of a distressingly defeated person. Her character is a quintessential victim in that she has come to devote her life to Francis while, by the same token, some deep-down demons within his very being have involved her in some heart-rending tragedies, and this actress is most poignant in exhibiting Grace's vehement bitterness and painful woe.

Tyson, in the part of the manager named Teddy, manages to give the most enjoyable and memorable performance in the entire show because his character allows for more emotional range on the part of the actor and is both the most interesting and best written individual of the entire play.

Teddy uses an effective mixture of rib-tickling humor and angry melancholy to tell his side of the story, and Tyson's outstanding portrayal of him subtly shifts back and forth between a buoyantly comical tone and a piercingly dramatic one with much polish and credibility.


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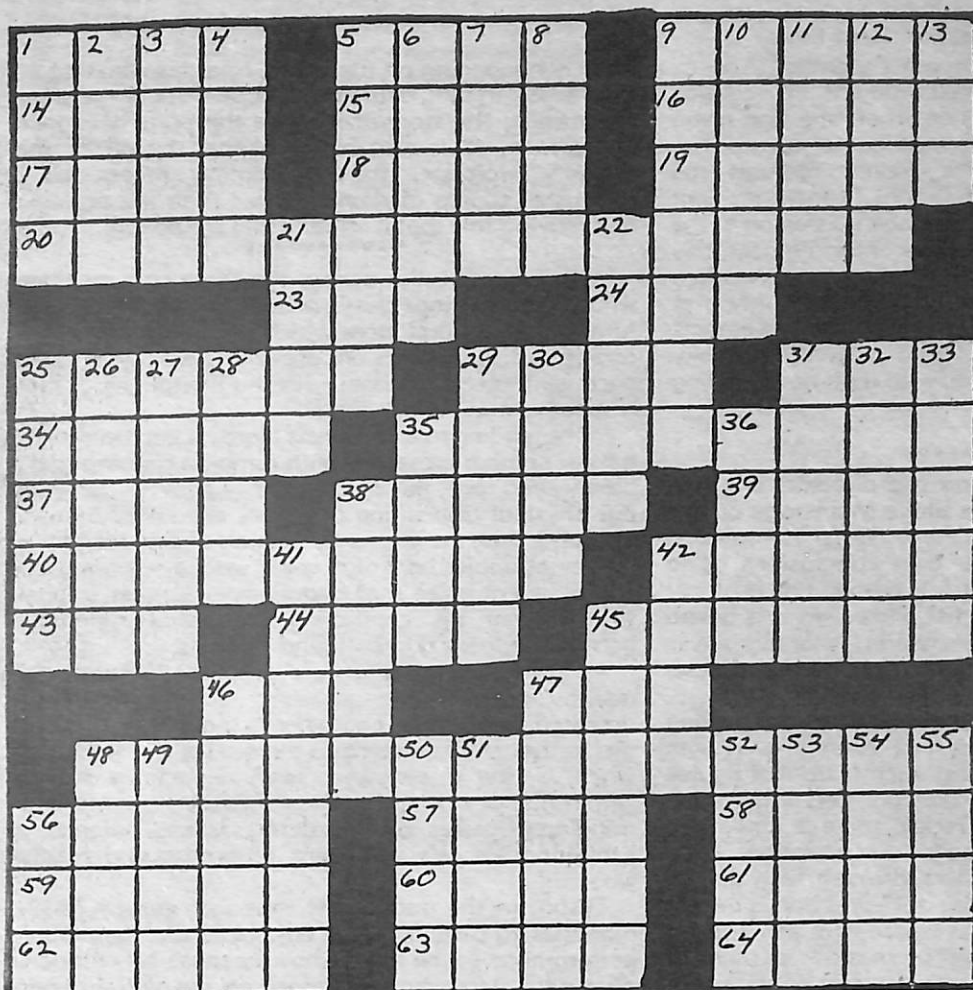
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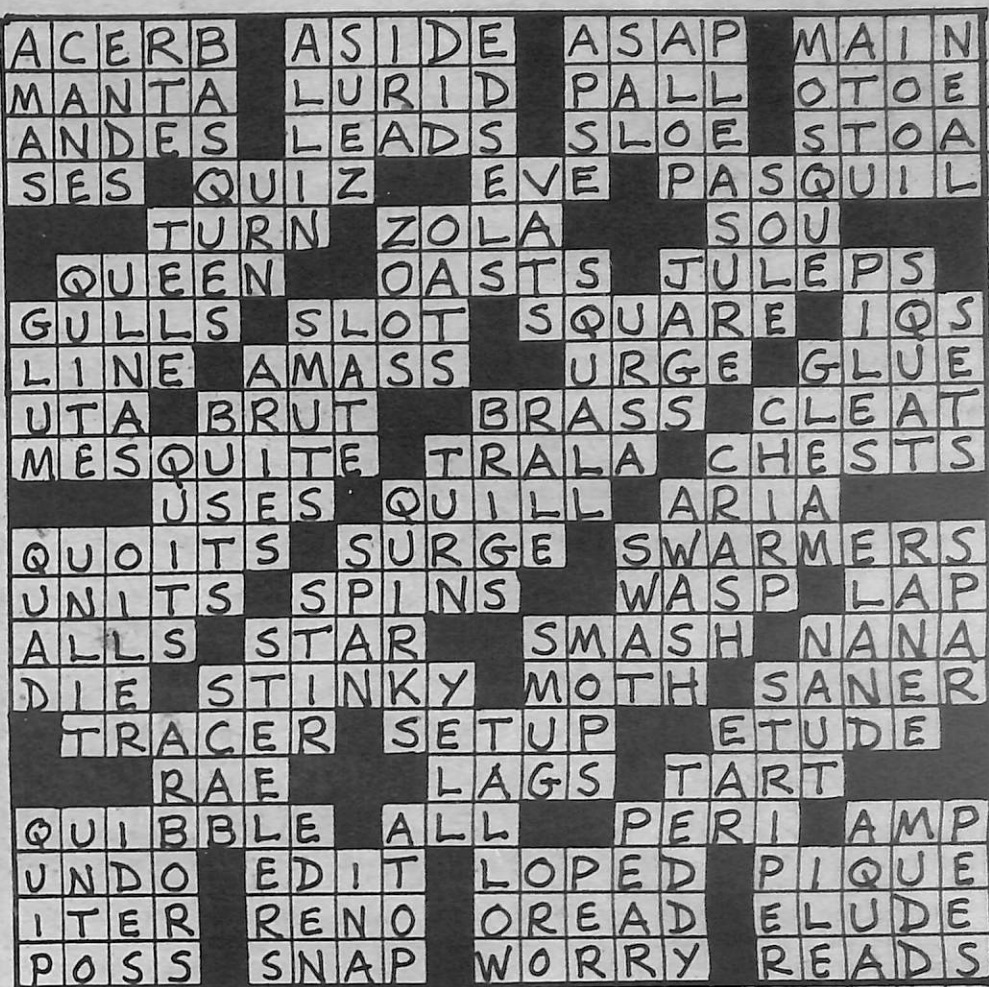
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## West Springfield Announces Summer Concerts On Town Green

The West Springfield Recreation Department and West Springfield Rotary Club have announced programs for their 26th Annual Summer of Free Concerts in town which begin on Thursday, May 25th, with a concert by the West Springfield High School Band and Jazz Ensemble, on the Town Common, at 7:30 p.m.

According to J. Anthony DiGore, instrumental music educator and coordinator of the free 17 concert series, the theme this year is "All Together Now."

Dates and featured groups for the 1989 series are as follows:

- May 25th** — The West Springfield High School Band and Jazz Ensemble;  
**June 1st** — The Springfield Accordion Orchestra;  
**June 8th** — The Springfield Chordsmen and Oasis Dancers;  
**June 15th** — Jazz Bones;  
**June 22nd** — Anita's Dance School;  
**June 29th** — Pioneer Valley Civic Orchestra;  
**July 4th** — Pioneer Valley Concert Band;  
**July 6th** — Northern Lights Band;  
**July 13th** — Youth Music Festival;  
**July 22nd** — Jazz Grass;  
**July 27th** — Melha Shrine Concert Band;

In the event of uncertain weather, all concerts will be held in the Senior Center auditorium at 128 Park Avenue as per dates with a 7:30 p.m. starting time. Call 781-3020 for concert information update.

A program book describing each concert location is available at all concerts or by calling 781-7550, extension 217.

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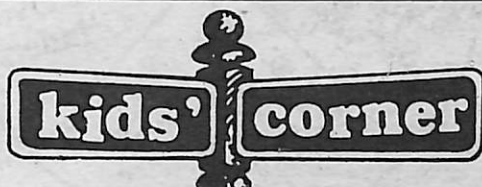
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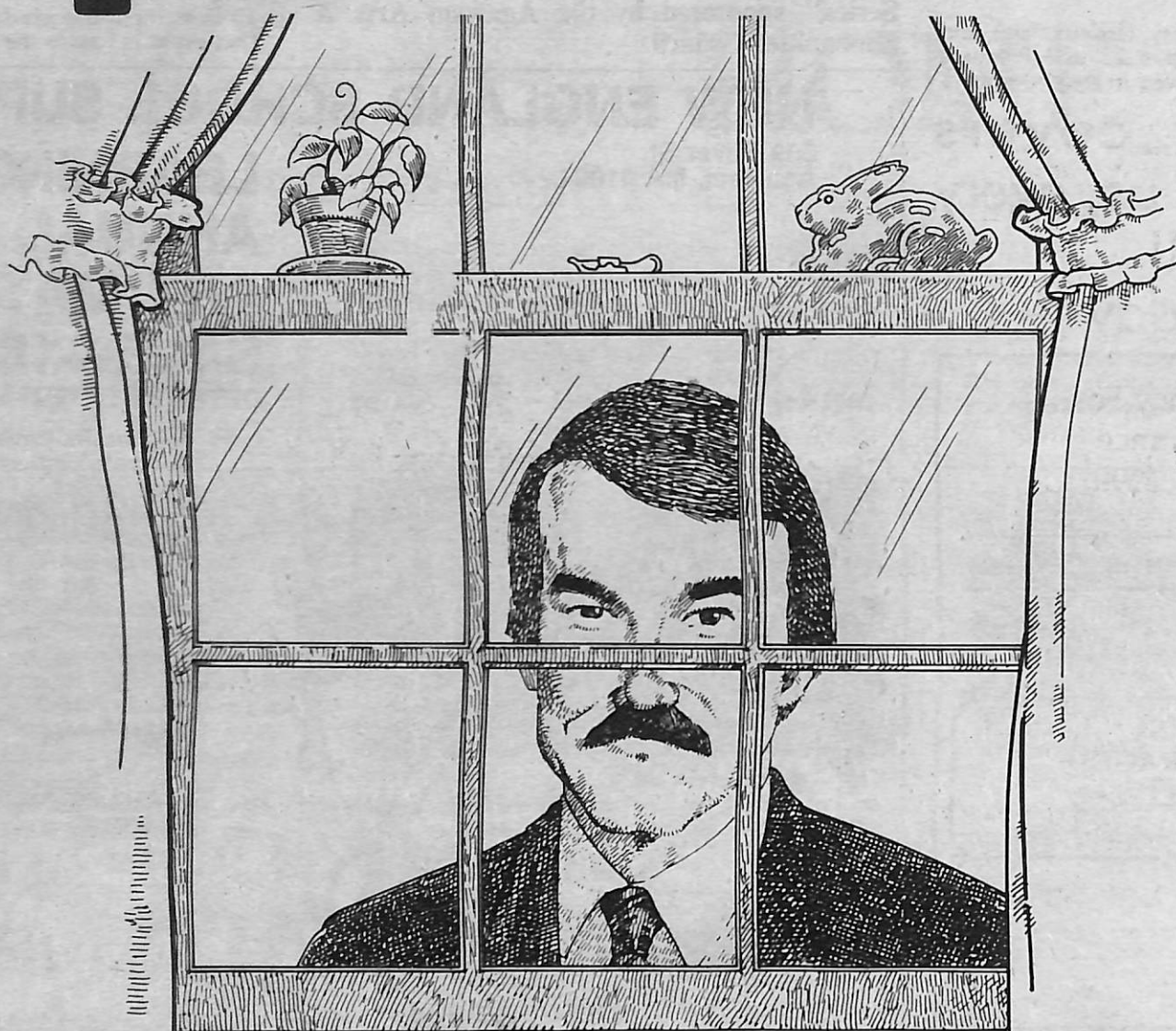
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## Pianist Jacqueline Charette To Play In Agawam

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The statue, which depicts Agawam native Anne Sullivan, who came to be known as "The Miracle Worker" as she taught Helen Keller her first word, is a masterpiece of craftsmanship by an acclaimed artist.

It is one of six commissioned works honoring Sullivan, and will be acquired at a cost of \$46,000.

Recent reports from Claire Stein of the National Sculpture Society indicate the statue's value now lies between \$100,000 and \$200,000 due to the artist's international acclaim and recognition by his contemporaries.

Kaufmann attended a benefit art auction last spring sponsored by the Agawam Rotary Club at Chez Josef to kick-off the fundraising activities for this artistic endeavor.

Fundraising efforts have been moving, but slowly, according to Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee Chairwoman Marilyn Curry, who notes that almost \$10,000 of the needed monies have been raised to date.

The Charette concert will be held at the First Baptist Church of Agawam, at 760 Main Street, on Friday, June 16th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at \$3.00 each, and are limited to 300. They may be purchased by contacting Dorothy Plante at 786-3122.

Charette, who has studied at Rivier College and Boston University, also refined her talent at the keyboard in East Germany, where she completed 16 weeks of study "with honors" at the Goethe Institute. Her doctoral in music was bestowed "with distinction."

The works of Claude Debussy (Joyous Isle) and Frederick Chopin (Polonaise Opus 23 and Premiere Ballade among others) are included in the program.

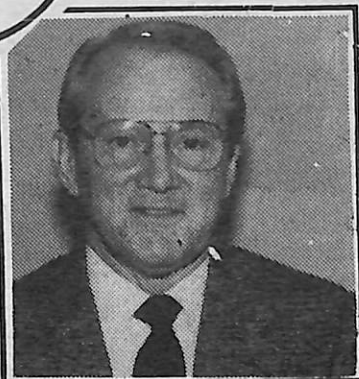
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**AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS** Entertainment Editor Phil Benoit will be the guest speaker at the Friday, June 2nd "First Friday Series" sponsored by the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council.

## Phil Benoit From AAN Guest Of Arts Council

Phil Benoit, Entertainment Editor for *The Agawam Advertiser News* will be the guest speaker Friday, June 2nd, in the Community Room of the Agawam Public Library, at 7:30 p.m. The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council is pleased to have Benoit as the last event in the 1988-1989 "First Friday Series."

Since 1982 Benoit has been the film reviewer at *The Agawam Advertiser News*.

He is a lifelong resident of Springfield and a graduate of Westfield State College. His experience as a film reviewer started in college. He wrote for the school newspaper, the on-campus television news program, and the college radio station.

Benoit holds the distinction of being the only reviewer in this area who consistently covers a large number of community theatre groups, ever since *The Springfield Newspapers* stopped their coverage of community theatre about four years ago.

Besides being Agawam's entertainment editor, Benoit has become actively involved in the production of *The Agawam Advertiser News* itself. He has taken on the responsibilities of assisting with layout, typesetting, and interoffice photography.

The Agawam Arts and Humanities Council wishes to express its thanks to the townspeople of Agawam who have attended the "First Friday Series" during its 1988-1989 schedule, especially for the enthusiastic reception of the Kelly Bolduc Jazz Concert last month. This shows that an interest is starting to grow in the fine cultural programs in music, the arts and humanities that the talented people of Agawam have to offer.

Funding for these programs is made possible by the Agawam Arts and Humanities Council, through a grant from the Massachusetts Arts Lottery.

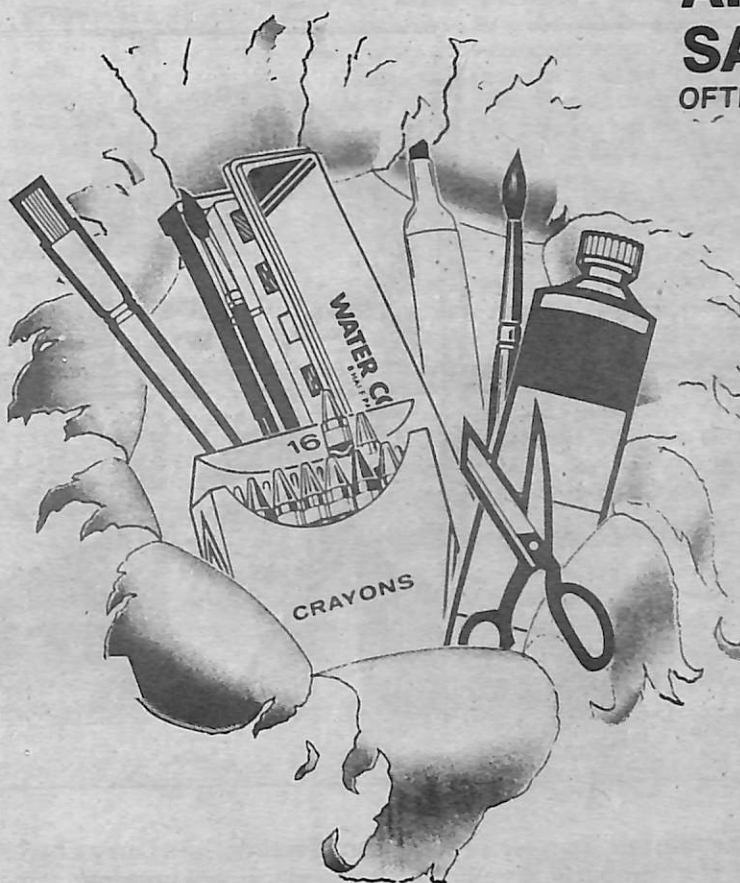
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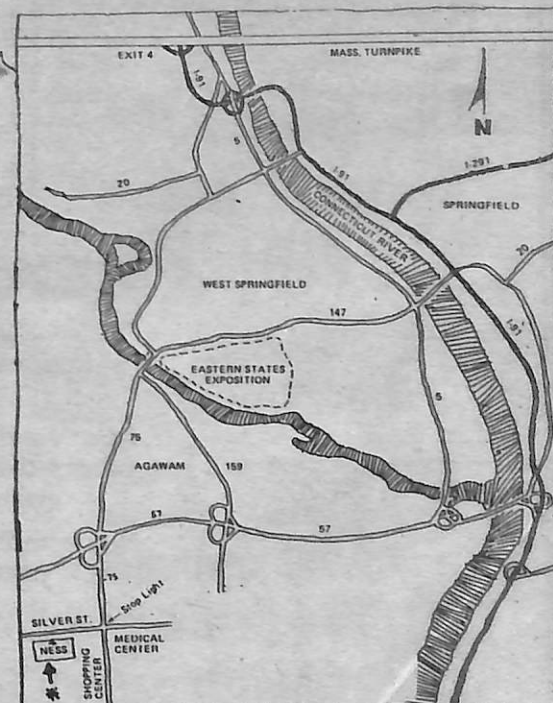


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KIM WALSH, JESSICA GIORDANO, and NICOLE PAJER in a scene from "Murder On Center Stage" at Agawam High School.

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CLAUDINE NOFTALL (left) makes a point to Michel Hatin in a scene from "Murder On Center Stage" at Agawam High School.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Center Stage Presented By AHS Theatre

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The Agawam High School Theatre, with faculty instructor Margo Poulin, presented a full-length, spine-tingling thriller on May 18th, entitled *Murder On Center Stage* by Jerrv L. Twedt.

Scene One opened on a partially completed stage set for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* with a lighting panel, drop cloth, and platforms still visible.

As the curtain rises, we see a small group of college theatre students and their director, Helen Blestar (played by Claudine Nofall), attempting a rehearsal one evening. Sharon (Nicole Pajer) and David (Bill Park) are cast in the lead roles of the college performance and add authenticity to their parts by being a couple off stage as well. Terry (Jessica Giordano) thinks it's romantic, and tends to run on a high emotional charge throughout the play.

Alice (Kim Walsh) is intellectual, with a tongue as sharp as her mind. She doesn't normally like "jocks," but finds herself attracted to Mike (Jay Wooley) in his football letter sweater. Mike loves to clown around, but he is warm and courageous.

As Act One develops, it is easy to see why Alice is attracted to him.

The director is dearly loved by her students and is af-

fectionately referred to as "Mrs. B." She and Miss Shotwell (Michel Hatin) are considered to be the college's authority on Shakespeare. The third woman is a "somewhat mentally unbalanced" character named Jessica (Jennifer Scalise), according to Mrs. Poulin. Jessica is a pathetic, strange, and somewhat frightening character who looks much older than the other two women.

As the story continues, however, we find that Jessica, Mrs. B, and Miss Shotwell were students together and played Chekhov's "Three Sisters." We learn this from the janitor Mr. Stanley (Walter Komorowski) who is bitter and jealous of the women's successes.

Ghost tales eventually overtake the rehearsal and curiosity leads to danger as the students, Mr. B, and Miss Shotwell pretend to leave the stage for home and wait in the darkened theatre for a glimpse of the haunting apparition.

As it turns out, it is only the dreams of Jessica being played out on the stage of her poor broken memories. After she thinks everyone has gone, Jessica dresses in the theatre costumes and performs on stage for herself. Little does she know the resentful Mr. Stanley,

who has devoted years to the study of Shakespeare, has planned to eliminate her.

He has set the stage with special lighting (by Jeff Retzler) and sound effects (by Steve Yeager), and hopes to disguise himself as Jessica in order to kill the "three sisters" in front of the students as his witnesses, or alibis.

But David outwits Mr. Stanley and his plans go amiss as strobe lights, blackouts, and feedback enhance the audience's heightened anxiety.

For those familiar with the three-act play, the ending was still a surprise because Agawam students added a twist at the end—everyone died.

Publicity was done by Jodi Quinn and film by Dan Harpin.

The AHS Theatre also offered special thanks to faculty member Thomas Collins and the Graphic Arts Class, Steven Files and the staff of the Music Department, as well as Mr. Bruton of the Mural Paint & Wallpaper Company for their printed program.



IN A SCENE FROM "Murder On Center Stage" last Thursday night at Agawam High School. Back row, from left - Claudine Nofall, Jessica Giordano, Nicole Pajer, Kim Walsh, and Michel Hatin. Front - Bill Parker and Jason Wooley. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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# Rep. Walsh Fields Residents' Queries Education Funding

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

State House Representative Michael Walsh (D-Agawam) sat before about 150 citizens concerned about the future of educational funds in a scheduled forum last Thursday evening. His opening remarks recapped the state's financial dilemma and suggested a "four point agenda for the evening."

He said, "Discussion on this year's state budget process and its implication on education; the state timetable; other education issues, especially special education; and financing for public education in the future, are areas we can explore."

Agawam High School teacher **Jacqueline Pressey** was first to ask about state lottery money when Walsh began fielding questions. She said, "I believe the original intent of the lottery money was for the arts and education."

Walsh said, "The state lottery has become a real issue. My understanding is that it was to get more local aid. Forty percent of the money goes to cities and towns, and originally 45 percent went to prizes, but I think the prize portion is up to 60 percent, and 15 percent to administration."

He added that the Massachusetts House has made a proposal which called for a Sunday lottery and "the revenues for that seventh day will go to cities and towns in the form of local aid (an additional \$35 million)."

Pointing out that state aid had gone from \$5.7 million in 1983 (when Walsh was first elected) to a predicted \$10.6 million in 1990, he said, "Spending will far exceed our income unless we exercise fiscal restraint. The five (education) amendments before the House did not call for any way to raise revenues to increase spending. That is why I had to say no to the \$104 million proposed for education. It was one of the hardest decisions I have had to make."

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In a statement of support, Agawam Mayor **Christopher Johnson** said, "I share the same problem that you share, Mike. While I share the same concerns, the only way we are going to do it, is to dig into our pockets. I applaud you for sitting in front of a crowd that is not too happy with the Legislature right now. I would love to sit down with anyone who can come up with some ideas on putting more money into education without raising taxes."

Agawam Education Association President **Gail Dion** expressed one area of disappointment with teachers falling in Chapter 188 funding, saying, "This was supposed to be the Legislature's statement on educational reform. You have reneged on a promise; a promise that really wasn't what it was supposed to be in the beginning."

Walsh responded, "This is what I'm hearing from education aid for mentally ill, and hospitals for medical reimbursements because the federal government walked away from their commitments. It is my hope that we can get back on track and realize what is fat and what is bone."

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**George Spangenberg**, a parent and businessman, asked why the budget cuts always went "right to the heart of the people" in education, health and human services.

He said, "\$600 million is only about five percent of the state budget. I think the message should be brought to Governor Dukakis that we don't understand and want to know if everything is on the table. I want to see it tightened up and see it run like a business."

Walsh said, "You are expressing the same frustration that I feel. You think we are not asserting leadership. I find it outrageous that the Governor called for underfunding \$200 million in Medicare. Revenue estimates in April were far below what we expected."

Walsh noted that approximately two-thirds of the state's approximate \$12 billion-plus budget are fixed costs, leaving about one-third that can be cut or adjusted.

"The legislators truly are a reflection of the people that elected them. The best way to get them to change, is to go over the heads of the legislators and go to the people and explain to them what is happening. The budget reflects the fiscal reality of the current situation," he said.

Walsh said that quality education was important to him and that he would support any additional revenues found for education, but that it would be unlikely without increased taxes.

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**DIANE RICCIOTTI**, training specialist for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Passenger Safety Program, is pictured with Police Safety Officer **Al Longhi**. Students in the photo are **Kristine Modzelesky** and **Derek Carpenter**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Safety Belts Stressed To All Students At Granger School

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

Last week Safety Officer **Al Longhi** and Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Passenger Safety Program Representative **Diane Ricciotti** gave a safety belt presentation to Granger School students in all grades.

Ms. Ricciotti said, "The program is a collaboration between safety officers, police, and school departments to present to the school. I am covering five districts in Massachusetts: Easton, Hudson, Berkshire Hills Regional, Rockport, and Agawam."

Longhi said, "This completes the whole school system in Agawam."

They told the children that the law at present is for children ages 12 years-old and under to be securely fastened in a safety belt or properly adjusted car seat when riding in motor vehicles. Longhi said, "Parents are responsible, and for every unbuckled child under 13 there will be a fine of \$25."

"Every state in America has a law about safety belts; that's how important it is. I want you to make decisions to put your seat belt on every time you drive in a car," said Ms. Ricciotti.

A film entitled, "Egg, Pumpkin, Headache" showed the children the inanimate objects of an egg in a box both secured and unsecured, and a pumpkin being thrown from a car, lying on the road, and hitting a telephone pole to enforce the question asked throughout the movie, "If you are not wearing a safety belt, what's holding you back?" At the end it said, "Seatbelts prevent headaches!"

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A large stuffed rabbit named "Harvey" helped to demonstrate the proper way to wear seat belts. "Wear it snug and low across your hips and not your stomach because your stomach is soft," Ms. Ricciotti said, "Never wear a shoulder harness under your arm. If the belt chokes near the neck, you may wear that part of it behind you," she added.

Younger students also saw a brief film "Otto the Auto in Buckle Up" about "Rachel," a little girl who thought seats belts were only for babies.

Otto takes her to a launch pad and off she goes to outer space through a meteor shower, upside down, wearing her seat belt with all the astronauts, and learns that seat belts are important in keeping you in your place.

Children sang a song "Before You Drive Away" to the tune of "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" with Ms. Ricciotti, and Sergeant Longhi passed out key rings with the safety logo "Take The Law To Heart" on it as children left. There was also brochures, pamphlets and coloring papers, along with a Buckle Up Helper Award as follow-up.

Fourth grade students saw a movie about a frontal crash against a test barrier at 35 miles per hour with two dummies in the car in slow motion rather than the "Otto" film. They learned that a good rule of thumb about shoulder harnesses was "If your head comes within two to three inches of the dashboard when bending forward, you should wear it," said Ms. Ricciotti. Safety belts reduce the chances of injury by as much as 70 percent, according to the show.

She added, "The Governor's Highway Safety Bureau grant has been applied for by the police department to do a survey and enforcement on the law for safety belts."

## Heritage Hall Day Care Center To Help in Easter Seal Prog.

Children at Heritage Hall Day Care Center in Agawam will learn about physical disabilities on June 2nd-4th through a special Easter Seal program, sponsored by Zayre.

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JODY MELANSON

## Jody Melanson Accepted In Spirit Of America Tour

Jody Melanson, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Melanson of 8 Seymour Avenue, Agawam, has been accepted as a member of the 1989 Spirit of America Marching Band Performing Tours of Europe.

She will be representing the Town of Agawam as an emissary to the people of Europe, representing the best of American youth. Jody was chosen on the basis of maturity, performing ability, and the ability to represent a positive image of the youth of America.

The Spirit of America Marching Band will tour and perform in Luxembourg, Austria, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Germany, and Belgium. They will also perform for the Opening Ceremonies of the World Music Contest in Kerkrade, Holland, which is held only once every four years. Jody will join other selected students from across the United States, rehearse for five days, then fly to Europe for two weeks of performing and touring experiences.

This year Jody is Rifle Captain of the award-winning Agawam High School Marching Mohawks, directed by Darcy Davis. She is also a member of the Peer Educators Program—an alcohol/drug prevention program.

Jody will be raising a major portion of her expense money herself. Anyone interested in sponsoring or otherwise helping her may contact her band director, Mr. Davis, 786-7356, or Jody, 786-5954.

The Spirit of America is directed by George E. Naff, former band director at East Carolina University. Naff and the Spirit staff are in their 12th year taking bands overseas.

Anyone wishing information about the Spirit of America may contact Naff at the Spirit of America office, Route 12, Box 450, Gray, Tennessee, 37615.

## F.H. Women's Club Awards Scholarships To Area Youth

The Feeding Hills Women's Club held its final meeting for the season on May 3rd at Alexander's. Virginia Lake presided and Mary Rachek was hostess for the evening.

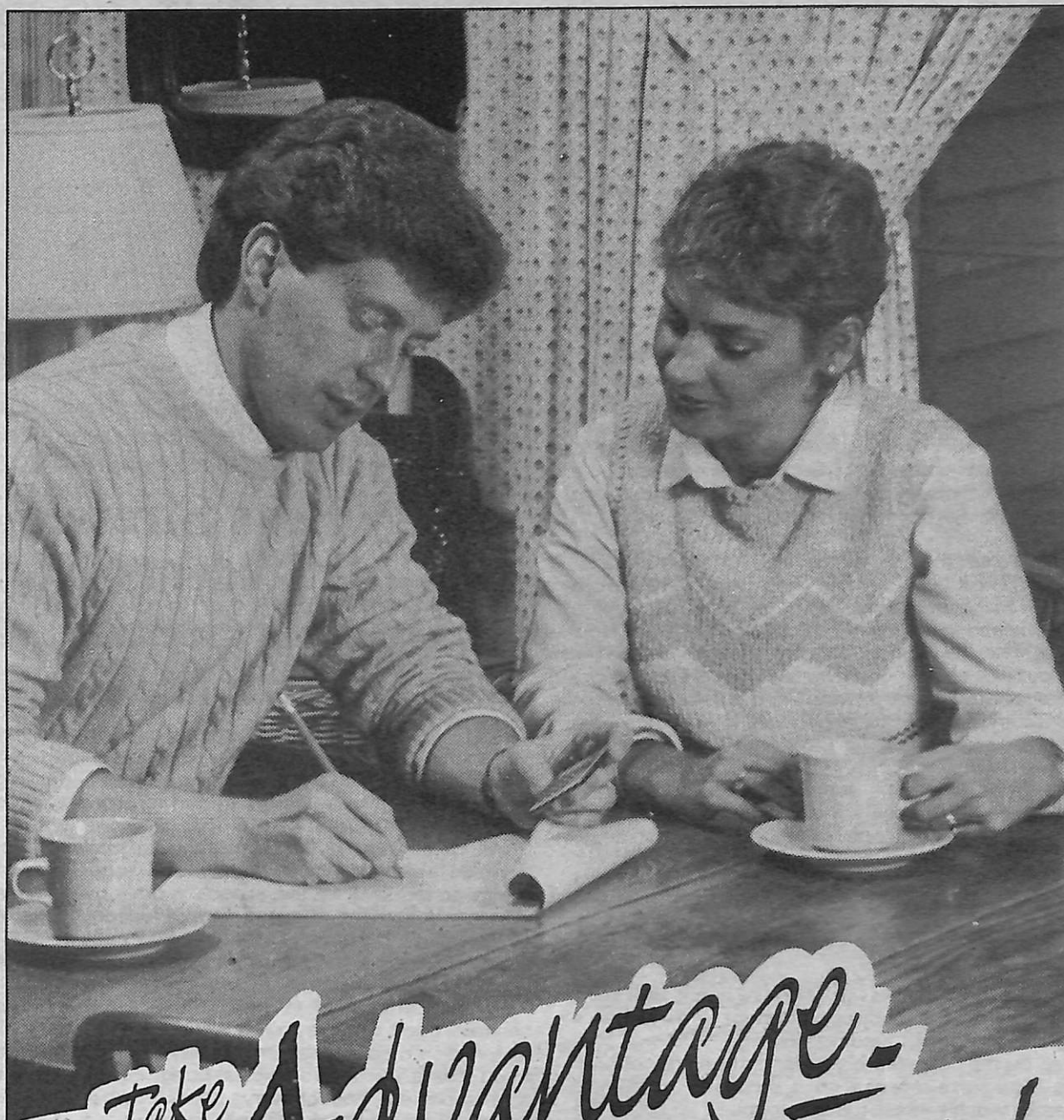
Two \$100 scholarships were awarded to Christine Meehan, who will attend Holyoke Community College, and Robert Churchill, who will attend Western New England College.

The officers for 1989-90 are: President Virginia Lake, Vice President Thelma Horenstein, Secretary Rita Matys, Treasurer Barbara Kupec, and Directors Elise Bradway, Mary Payne, and Julia T. Zajchowski.

Plans were discussed for a fundraising event in the fall for the Anne Sullivan Memorial.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 6th.

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## Phelps PTO Readies For 50 Year Celebration Beginning June 5th

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

The time is at last drawing near for the week-long celebration of Phelps Elementary School's 50th Birthday celebration.

The events will mark the culmination of a special committee comprised of PTO volunteers, teachers and Principal William Miller's planning efforts since September.

On Monday morning, June 5th, 380 students dressed in red and white will proceed to the exterior of the school building carrying red and white pennants purchased by the PTO with the years "1939 to 1989" imprinted on them to donate Phelps' 50 years of existence.

At 10:00 a.m., the students will march around the school and then join hands for the "Hands Around The School" Grand Opening Ceremony and sing Happy Birthday.

At 1:00 p.m., the first and second grades will hold a Spelling Bee and third and fourth grades will do the same at 1:45 p.m. (in the auditorium).

Kindergartners will receive awards for a completed Coloring contest at that time, according to Committee member Grace Tilden.

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On Tuesday, a schoolwide assembly in the auditorium will separate each grade in different corners of the room. One speaker from each class in all grades will submit something for the school's "Time Capsule," which will be on display during Open House on Wednesday, June 7th.

On June 7th, the Open House program will begin at 6:30 p.m., on the green in front of Phelps School (if weather permits). The public is asked to bring lounge chairs and blankets for seating, and all former graduates of the first graduating class from Phelps are expected to be there.

The committee has invited many dignitaries, including State Senator Linda Melconian, State House Representative Mike Walsh, Mayor Christopher Johnson, Town Council President Donald Rheault, School Committee Chairwoman Roberta Doering, and Superintendent of Schools James Bruno. A tour of the school will be offered and a large birthday cake will top the list of refreshments.



**PHELPS PTO MEMBERS** who are planning the upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration of the school. Back row, from left - Louise Abdow, Janet Wysocki, Sue Jorgenson, and Grace Tilden. Seated - Ellen Janik, Sue Adamczyk, and Jane Sauter. Missing: Angela Beaudry and Dee Nacewicz. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Art instructor Marcia Sherpa has constructed a huge paper and canvas birthday cake that will hang on the wall with 380 candles displaying each present student's name.

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On Thursday, June 8th, music instructor Margaret Bielin will present an all-school musical entitled "A Pocketful of Dreams" at 2:15 p.m. (that is hopeful of a little magic); if not magic, at least a little luck will allow the presentation to be performed outside so that parents may attend.

If weather does not permit an outdoor show, the auditorium will be unable to accommodate all students and their families. So Agawam parents must reach into

their pockets once again; only this time it's just for a little luck!

On Friday, June 9th, students and staff will hold their Annual Field Day with outdoor lunch, watermelon, drinks, activities, and the famous Tug-of-War. Miller referred jokingly to this event as having "continuous feeding."

Finally, everyone is welcome to bring their own picnic lunch to the grounds of Phelps School from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 10th, for the Town Family Picnic. There will be a band, games, clowns, and balloons, on the back athletic fields to entertain all ages.



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## Robinson Kindergarten Presents *I Like School* To Boost Self-Esteem

by Iris Copson  
School Dept. Editor

On Wednesday, May 10th, Robinson Park Elementary School's kindergarten students presented a play entitled, "*I Like School*." Instructors Judy Spellacy and Linda Orr, teaching assistant Teresa Urbinato, and music teacher Margaret Bielin, helped the children produce the musical for family, friends, and fellow students.

A large 'Welcome to Kindergarten' sign was strung above the stage as the introduction by **Melody Serafino** and **Michael Thomas** opened the setting. Fourth grade student **Kimberly Koehler** played the teacher and worked with the students on the blackboard after singing the opening number, "*I Like School*."

**Nathan Adamski** and **Lauren Kida** showed the audience how wisely kindergarten children used and learned about the calendar. Next the song, "Start Off Each Day" was sung by **Joseph Conniff**, **Ryan Hanley**, **Christopher Savenko**, and **Eric Hogan**.

"One Step At A Time" has solos by **Vincent Tirone** and **Christopher Bergeron**, with actions by **Jeremy Musa**, **Heather Nadeau**, **Matthew Phelps**, **Luma Halig**, **Becky Crum**, and **Adam Smith** adding to the piece. The song "Everybody Needs Music" had arias by **Pamela Sherry**, **Emily Norris**, and **Heather Newalu**.

When teacher said Mr. Parker was giving them extra gym, it was a perfect lead-in for the song "Lucky Day" by **Heather Scarlett**, **Adam Escobar**, and **Michael Swarthout**. "I Love To Color" (everything I see) by **Jeffrey Fay**, **Gregory Boisvert**, **Gina Goralczk**, **Melody Pope**, and **Joseph Rosinski** did some fancy rhyming and rhetoric throughout the number that had audience members laughing along.

Little girls with green or red corsages, and little boys with brown bows and ties made from wallpaper patterns proudly stood to sing their part in the chorus of "I Like To Color." The song highlighted the unusual color 'puce' which students asked while singing, "What's a



**ROBINSON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** kindergarten students recently presented the play "*I Like School*." Kindergarten teachers for the production were **Judy Spellacy** and **Linda Orr**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

puce?" and offered definitions such as "something that smells really bad" and "what you sit on in a church"; but everyone soon learned, it is a color you use when you are feeling "loose."

**Brian Forsman**, **Jason Walkowsky**, **Annie Shibley**, **Ryan Hamel**, and **Eric Hogan** did the solos in "Smile and Say Hello," and the final number entitled "Give Yourself A Pat On The Back" had singers **Angela Whitney**, **Anthony Bosini**, **Alyson Garvey**, **Chanon**

**Palm**, **Jennifer Mercadante**, **Becky Fernandez**, **Jeffrey Robinson**, **Christopher Swarthout**, **Timothy Chretien**, and **Jay Noguera**.

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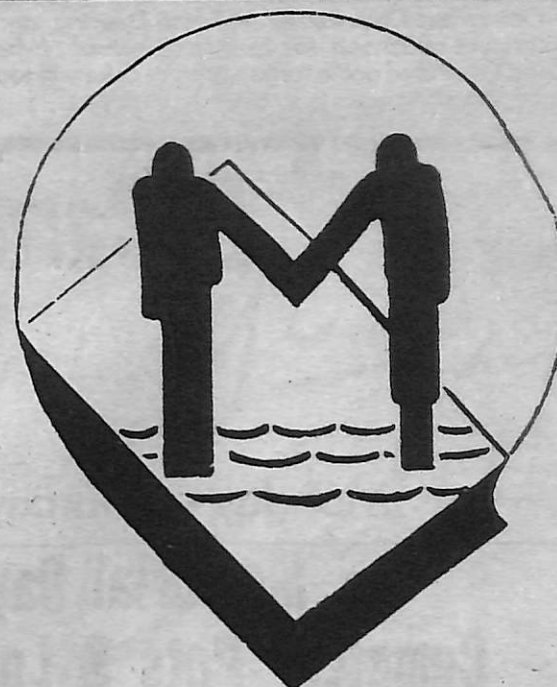
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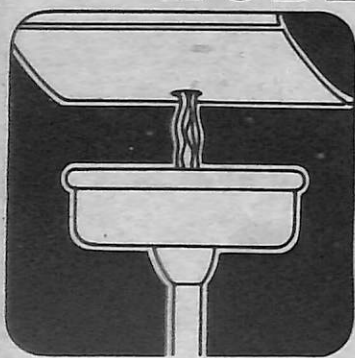
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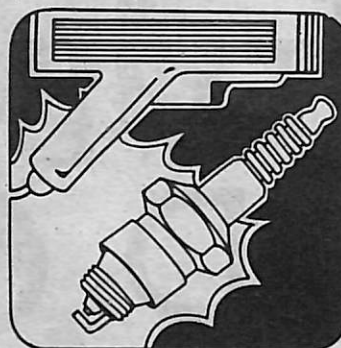


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**Tuesday, May 30th:** Pepperoni pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

**Wednesday, May 31st:** Ham and cheese sandwich in roll, mustard or mayonnaise, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, fruit cup or chocolate brownie, milk.

**Thursday, June 1st:** Pizza burger, potato puffs, diced seasoned carrots, jello with topping, milk.

**Friday, June 2nd:** Baked chicken nuggets, niblet corn, steamed rice, mayonnaise, or honey, rosey applesauce or vanilla pudding, milk.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his Agawam home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his answering machine.

## Veterans Memorial Committee Names Poster/Essay Winners

"Let Freedom Ring" was the theme, and Chairwoman Rita Shea of the Veterans Memorial Committee has announced the Poster and Essay winners at Agawam Middle School and Agawam Junior High School.

The awards will be presented immediately following the parade at the dedication of the new War Memorial at Phelps, Saturday, May 27th. Winners must be present to accept their awards, or the award will be forfeited to the next in line. Call 781-1643 if you cannot attend.

Posters from Middle School: First, **Genevieve**

**Hugabone;** second, **Amy Daudelin;** third, **Meagan Langevin.**

Essays from Agawam Junior High: First, **Kristine Galarneau;** second, **Sarah O'Connor;** third, **Christine Mineo;** first honorable mention, **Kevin Sheehan;** second honorable mention, **D. Vicki Sousa.**

Congratulations to all that entered. In judging the past 20 years, Mrs. Shea said this competition was the hardest. Other judges included Commander VFW 1632, Don Catchepaugh, Committee members Gladys Belcher and President Peg Brown, representing Legion Auxiliary.

## Jr. High Students Wins Memorial Essay

### *Let Freedom Ring*

by Kristine Galarneau

I recently walked through a cemetery with my best friend. No one I knew was buried there. We quietly prayed for the souls of the teachers, businessmen, doctors and...soldiers. We slowly walked down the long stone road with a basket in each of our hands. We looked around, and there must have been hundreds of graves staring at us. We knelt in front of many of the tombstones which were bare and cold. Some contained a long and growing list of dead family members.

But the thing which bothered me was not death. Death is natural, but war is not. That

thing which bothered me, was the number of people who were only a few years older than me who had fought for our country, and were now lifeless. Only memories of them live now. I gently placed a few pink and red rose petals next to each of the veteran graves. After two and a half hours, our baskets were bare, just as these veterans' graves were, before we had visited.

We slowly walked down the long stone road once more, an empty basket in each of our hands. We then whispered our last prayer. "Let freedom ring forever, so it will not take any more precious lives."

## Golden Agers Name Memorial Scholarship Winners

President Louis Scherpa of Golden Age Club II, officiated at the Scholarship Award Ceremony held in the Agawam Senior Center on May 17th. He announced that two Agawam High School seniors, Sharon Gaffney and Michael Bottasso, were selected to receive the scholarships which were given in memory of club members.

Ms. Gaffney's mother, Jane, and grandmother, Erma, attended the award ceremony together with a family friend, Charles Calabrese. Bottasso's mother, Alice, and grandmother, Barbara, were both present for the ceremony.

Ms. Gaffney received her scholarship and congratulations from club Treasurer Ernest Swanson. It was noted that Sharon worked very hard during her high school years to earn a scholastic average of 96.92 which placed her 11th in a class of 350 students. She was accepted by the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, and she thanked the audience for providing the award.

Bottasso was congratulated by Swanson for achieving an excellent average of 90.12. He was also accepted by the University of Massachusetts. He expressed appreciation for his award.

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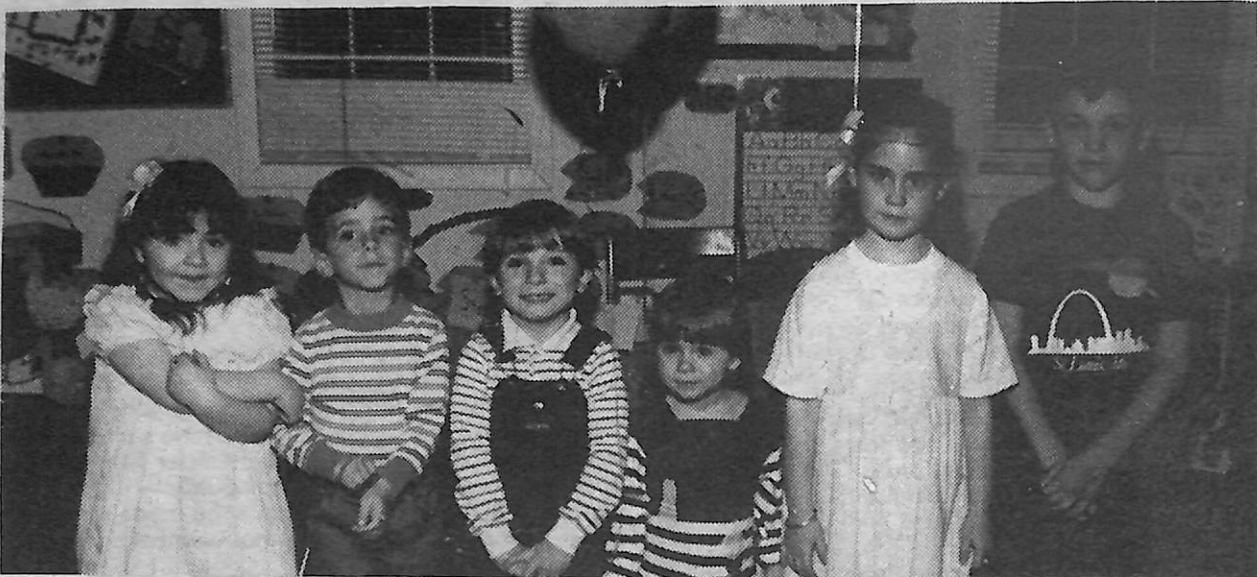
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WELCOMING VISITORS the Bambi Nursery School's recent open house are, from left - Alex Gooch, Matthew Couture, Chris Doney, Megan Doney, Meredith Willett, and Michael Graveline. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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All programs offered on a "first-come, first-served" basis. No phone registrations.

Registration for both young and adult programs will be held daily Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Agawam Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance. Look for the signs. All fees are payable in advance of the program. Please make all checks payable to the Town of Agawam. There will be no refunds of the program fee unless the program is cancelled.

### Adult Swim Lessons:

Adult Swim Lessons will be held twice a week on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 6:50 p.m., beginning on Monday, July 10th through Wednesday, August 9th. The cost for the lessons will be \$20 for the 10 lessons.

### Youth Swim Lessons:

Swim lessons will be offered to those children four years-old and up who are not attending camp at Perry Lane.

The lessons will be held twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday mornings beginning Tuesday, July 11th through Saturday, August 12th. Cost will be \$10 for the 10 lessons. Class will be 10:00 to 10:50 a.m., or 11:00 to 11:50 a.m.

### Adult Low-Impact Aerobics:

This program is a low-impact aerobics (exercise) course designed to stretch and tone. This program will include a swim after the exercise session.

**Session:** July 3rd/5th to August 21st/23rd (eight weeks)

**Time:** Monday and Wednesday, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Swim until 8:00 p.m. (if you wish)

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**Registration:** Agawam Recreation Office

**Fee:** \$25 per person (no refunds). If you wish to join for one night, cost is \$15 per person.

**Instructor:** Willie Fortini

### Perry Lane Park - Membership Fees & Charges

Perry Lane Park is open to all residents year round (no fee). The fee and charges will only be for pool use and special rates for large picnic groups using the pavilion. All facilities such as the tennis courts, horse shoe pits, etc., are open to the public but can be reserved for clubs or groups who wish to reserve by calling the Recreation Office.

### Perry Lane Park Pool

The pool will only be open weekends for the early part of the season (weather permitting)—June 10th, 11th; June 17th, 18th. Beginning on Saturday, June 24th, the pool will be open daily for the summer hours through Labor Day, Monday, September 4th. Hours for pool members and the general public will be 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. Exceptions may be made for special group events of exceptionally hot weather.

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## Mrs. Curry Speaks...



THE PHELPS SCHOOL PTO recently hosted Marilyn Curry, chairwoman of the Anne Sullivan Memorial Committee (left). Also in photo are Phelps Principal William Miller and PTO Vice-President Grace Tilden. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Karen Horniak Awarded Scholarship For Good Works By Ring Nursing Home

Karen Horniak of Feeding Hills, a nursing assistant at Ring Nursing Home/South and full-time student at Baystate Medical Center School of Nursing, was awarded a scholarship by her employer at a special presentation today.

Ms. Horniak is the first recipient of the Cooper-Peterson Scholarship Fund, established to encourage and support Ring Nursing Home employees who wish to further their education.

Ms. Horniak has worked at Ring since 1978, first as a dietary aide and currently as a nursing assistant. In recommending her for the scholarship, her supervisors noted that she is "compassionate, intelligent, dependable, cooperative, and highly motivated to pursue her education as a professional nurse." A 1980 graduate of Agawam High School, Ms. Horniak will complete the nursing program in May, 1990.

Ring Nursing Home established the Cooper-Peterson Scholarship Fund in memory of former Springfield residents Marian & Raymond Cooper and Frederick Peterson, the parents and husband, respectively, of Doris Peterson, a resident of Ring/Ridgewood. It will be awarded annually in May during National Nursing Home Week.

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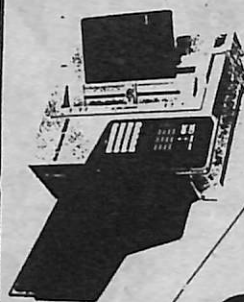
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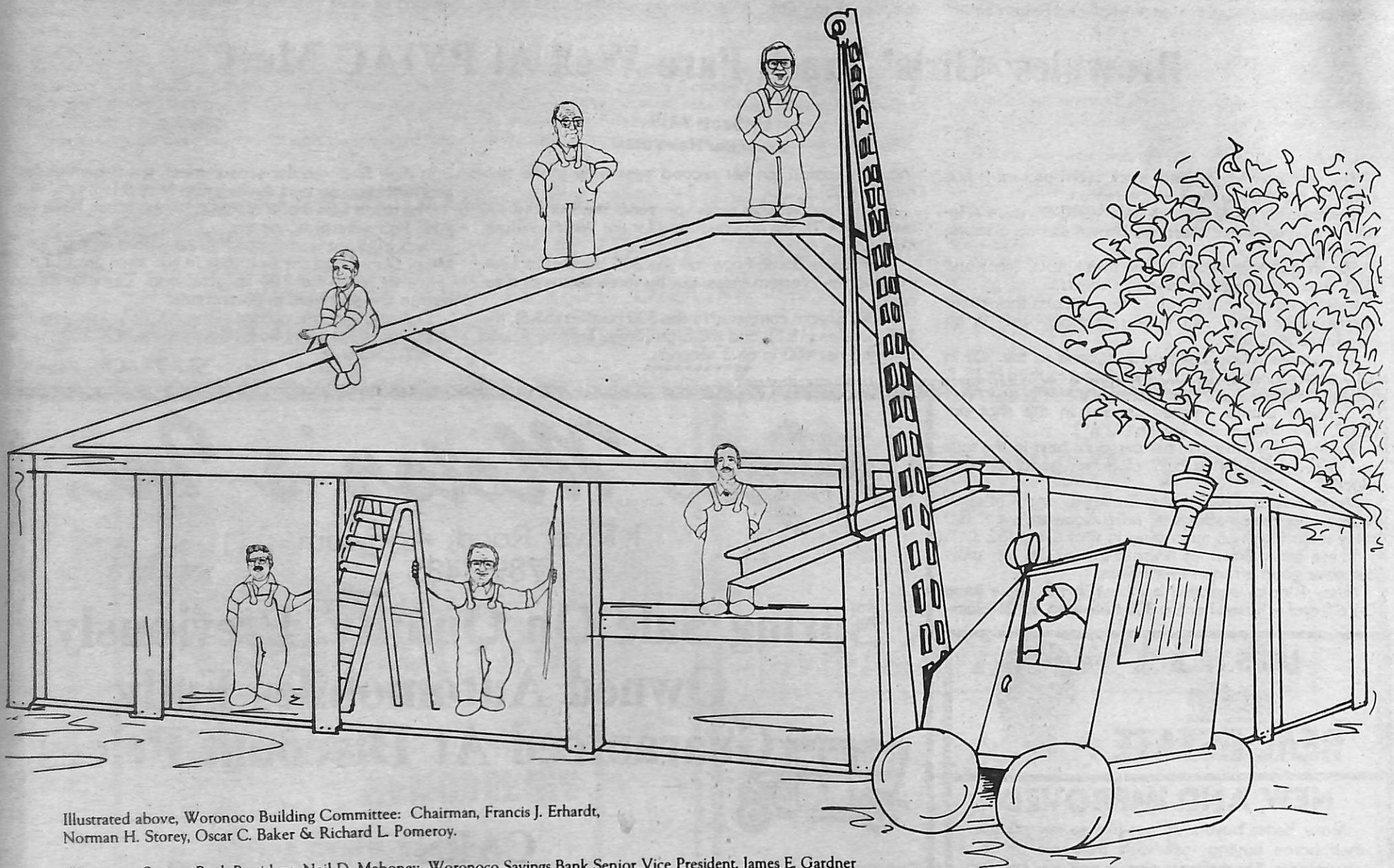
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# Sports

## AHS Nine Bows To Holyoke As Slide Continues

by Scott Miller  
Advertiser News Staff

The slumping Agawam High varsity baseball team scattered just six hits in its lineup and let another one get away from its grasp on Monday, May 22nd. This time it was Holyoke who managed to box the Brownies and dodge a bullet in a frustrating 6-4 loss for the locals.

Agawam is now 10-6 overall and 1-4 (last place) in the Valley League. A few weeks ago the Brownies were riding high as the top-ranked team in Division I - Western Mass.

Brownie pitcher Dan Gordon threw an adequate game, allowing 9 hits. He was charged with a bunch of unearned runs on three costly errors.

The Brownies took a 3-2 lead into the bottom of the fourth in a game played at McKenzie Stadium, Holyoke. But then things soured.

A lead-off single went over the head of third baseman Mike Malanson. The next ball had eyes and found its way past outstretched shortstop Brian Robinson; runners on first and third with no outs.

Consecutive errors by second baseman Chris Jarvis allowed both runners to score. Now it was first and third again, no outs, and Holyoke out front, 4-3.

After Gordon fielded a comebacker to the hill for the first out, the next batter launched a drive that fell between outfielders Aaron Vanderhoof and Shaun Smith

for two more runs. It was now 6-3 Holyoke.

The Brownies got out of the four-run inning without further damage thanks to an acrobatic, sliding catch by Vanderhoof for the final out.

The locals managed to scratch-out another run but again, their lack of ability to score runs lately has only added to the slump.

The locals got-off to a good start in the top of the second. After Brian Robinson grounded-out to second, catcher Mike Clevall and Vanderhoof reached on singles.

With Clevall on third (after Vanderhoof's hit), Malanson responded with a long double to center, plating both runners. 2-1, Agawam.

Holyoke then retired designated hitter Carm Mazza on a fly to centerfield and Jason Wooley grounded-out to third, ending the frame.

In the top of the third the locals would push another one across for a 3-1 lead.

Jarvis reached on a walk (Agawam's only free pass of the day) and stole second. He moved to third on Smith's single to right. Tim Bellows then sent a long sacrifice fly to centerfield, scoring Jarvis.

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A lucky break gave the Brownies their fourth run in the top of the fifth. After Wooley whiffed and Jarvis

popped-out, Smith also fanned but managed to get to first as the catcher dropped the ball. While trying to gun Smith down, the ball went wildly into rightfield, putting Smith on second.

The hard-hitting Bellows then lined a single to left, before Robinson grounded-out to second to end the inning.

The locals went down in order in the sixth, including a double play ball.

The bad luck and mental mistakes that have plagued the Brownies lately were quite evident in their last at-bats. After Mazza blasted a double to deep right centerfield, he was replaced by pinch-runner Tim Burns. The swift Wooley (unlucky break here) just missed an infield single to shortstop. He was gunned-down by just a half-step.

With one out and Burns still on second, Jarvis popped-up to the first baseman in foul territory. Like lightning, the first baseman fired a perfect strike to second base and caught Burns straying off the bag for a dramatic doubleplay to end the game.

At presstime, the Brownies were slated to face Central High on both May 23rd and 24th, Cathedral on May 30th, and then West Side on May 31st. The locals still have not qualified for the Western Mass. tourney, needing at least two more victories to get the nod.

## Brownies' Girls' Track Fare Well At PVIAC Meet

by Scott Miller  
Advertiser News Staff

The Agawam High girls' track team proved it has some of the best runners in the region.

On Saturday, May 20th, at the PVIAC Division A Individual Girls' Track Meet, the Brownies had a strong showing.

Eleven gals competed in the prestigious meet and AHS took three seconds and two thirds.

It was a banner day for all 11 Brownies as they either surpassed or were near their personnel bests in all respective events.

Sophomore Maria Losito was second in the 100 in 12.5 seconds, while Traci DiMascola was third in 13.1.

Kim Zielinski took third in the 200 with a time of 27.3. Missy Danio finished second in the shot put (33'5") and fifth in the javelin (92'6").

Jen Aldridge smashed her personal best in the mile by 13 seconds with a 5:49 clocking, good for third place.

Maria Losito, DiMascola, Zielinski, and Christina Morassi combined efforts to make Agawam's 4 X 100 relay team finish as runners-up in that event (52.3).

These other Brownies finished-out of the top spots but gave good efforts nevertheless.

Missy Rinaldi equalled her best in the triple jump (31'6") and eclipsed her top 800 time with a 2:39 clock-

ing. Jen Easton ran her second best time in the two-mile (14:05).

Missy Parentela set a new personal mark in the 300 hurdles (54.2). She also qualified for the Western Mass. Meet in the 100.

Sophomore Sarah Fogg ran the 300 hurdles in 53.4, missing the Western Mass. cut by three-tenths of a second.

Becky Bryant competed in the 300 hurdles (53.6), the 100 hurdles (18.0), and the high jump. Tammy Rocca finished her 400 in 68.3 seconds.

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In their final regular season meet, the Brownies faced Northampton and Amherst on May 11th.

The result was a pair of losses. In the meet, however, AHS had several winners.

Becky Bryant won the high jump with a leap of 4'6." Missy Danio had the best toss in the shot put (32'6").

Losito took the 100 in 12.8 and Tammy Rocca outran the 400 field in 68 seconds.

Zielinski was triumphant in the 200 (27.4) as was Jen Aldridge in the mile. Both relays teams, 4 X 100 and 4 X 400 also won.

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# AHS Linksters Pushed For VW Title

by Scott Miller  
Advertiser News Staff

Even though the Agawam High School golf team is 8-4 (7-2 in the league), and has qualified for the two Western Mass. Tournaments (Individual and Team Tourney), coach Paul Bachini is still not satisfied and wants more.

"We've got a chance to win the league on Thursday. We might have won it outright but we slipped on Monday," he said, referring to the Brownies tight 9½ to 8½ loss to Minnechaug on May 22nd.

In order to win the Valley Wheel title, AHS needs not only a victory over South Hadley on Thursday (presstime), but they need East Longmeadow to knock-off Longmeadow and break the tie for first place.

Agawam would have improved its odds to take the title with a victory over the Falcons but it wasn't to be.

After taking an 8½ to 3½ lead, the locals' last two linksters were swept to give Minnechaug the win.

John Wilke, playing in the number one spot, shot a 43, which was good enough for three points. George Corgan carded a 43 as well but his opponent's blistering 38 afford Corgan just one-half point.

Bob Bruno liked his teammates' score so much he shot it himself. His 43 was worth two points to the Brownies' total. Vic Bruno was the team's medalist for the day by firing a 40 to sweep his opponent.

Mike Wright and Tony Bracci had less luck. Both were swept by Minnechaug with scores of 48 (Wright) and 52 (Bracci).

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On May 18th, the locals posted a 12-6 win over Ludlow at Oak Ridge Country Club in Feeding Hills. Agawam needed this one to qualify for the Western Mass. Team Tournament.

George Corgan got the Brownies off on the right foot

by shooting a 41 for a three-point sweep. Bob Bruno only took one point because both he and his opponent shot a 42 for the round.

John Wilke then stretched the AHS edge with his strong score of 38, good for three points. Vic Bruno also pulled a good round out of his bag, finishing the nine holes in 40 strokes. But he could only grab 1½ points.

Mike Wright clubbed a 45 to take 1½ points. Keith O'Connell shot a 42 and took two of the three points to salt away the victory.

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When the Brownies visited always-tough Longmeadow High on May 15th, it was apparent a long day was in store. The Brownies were bombed, 14-4. It was just a bad day.

The normally-steady George Corgan shot an above-average 46, taking only a half-point.

Bob Bruno's opponent shot his worst round of the season (43), but Bruno still could manage only a half-point because he carded a 45.

Wilke (44) and Vic Bruno (43) got no points for their efforts. Mike Wright provided the Brownies' only highlight of the day with his strong 40, worth 2½ points.

Joe Modzelewski, in his second varsity match, shot a 52, bringing home one-half point for the locals.

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**ON THE LINKS:** Corgan, Wilke, and Bob Bruno will travel to the Hampden Country Club in Wilbraham on Thursday, May 31st, for the Western Mass. Individual Tourney. The linksters who finish in the top 10 percent will advance to the state tourney on Monday, June 5th.

## Golf Tip Of The Week "The Correct Hip Action"

by Jim Modzelesky  
PGA Teaching Professional  
Oak Ridge Golf Club

If you've heard it once, you've heard it a thousand times from golf professionals: "Clear the left side" or "Get the left hip out of the way on the downswing."

I say, "Keep the left hip in the way." When you make a conscious effort to "clear the left side," more often than not you will overdo it and end up "spinning out," an action that brings a pull-hook; or, when the right hip moves out toward the ball and you cut across it, a slice.

If you move the left hip laterally at the start of the downswing and then let it turn naturally as you move through impact, the right hip stays inside and in a low position. You'll hit a lot more good shots that way than by thinking "clear the left side" from the top of the backswing.

**NOTE:** Last in my series of Golf Tips for 1989. Very special thanks to all the readers who expressed their interest in my Golf Tips each week and to *The Agawam Advertiser News* for allowing me to have the space in their sports section for the past six editions.

Hope to see you all out on the course this summer. Free Junior Golf Program starting in June. Look for details in future issues of *The AAN*.

**AHS GIRLS' TRACK - From Page 56...**

Rocca and Bryant both placed second - Rocca in the triple jump (28'6") and Bryant in the high hurdles (18.4).

DiMascola was second in the 100 in 13.1. Jen Lomelino finished the 400 in 69.2 and Sarah Fogg was runner-up in the 300 hurdles in 54.1.

Missy Parentela was third in the hurdles in 55.1. Cathy Hill took third in the mile (6:04) and Danio was third in the javelin.

Vs. Amherst, the above results stood, plus these results, too. Losito was second in the long jump. Jen Lomelino was second in the shot put with a 24'½" throw and third in the 400 in 69.3. Jen Easton ran the two-mile in 15:34 and Karen Book sprinted 200 yards in 28.9.

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## Sportsmen's Corner

— By Bill Chiba —



### A Caring Day Of Trout Fishing

Outdoor sportsmen come from all facets of our society. Every sport has its share of slob that create a bad taste in the minds of society by their actions.

Strange as it may seem, it is the slob faction that gets most of the publicity from the media. So, it is with delight and satisfaction, I write about the following event that took place at the Agawam Sportsman's Club on Sunday, May 7th.

**Don Swindle** and **Ray Tessicini** cochaired a Fishing for the Blind Derby. They put out a call for volunteers and were contacted by 40 citizens that wanted to help. Local businesses contributed graciously with materials and gifts and odds and ends that helped to make the day a happy event for everyone.

**Kay McCarthy**, one of the participants, brought 29 fishermen and women with her who were anxious to wet a line and land a trout. **Gary Regnier** volunteered to clean all the fish caught and he was kept busy all day long. Every fish was bagged and the anglers took the fish home with them.

The fishing broke at noon and a meal of macaroni and meatballs was served. The kitchen crew consisted of **Guido & Jeanne Tessicini**, (Old Fateful) **Rusty Baker**, **Lonnie Waterman**, and **Larry Soffen**. They were commended by the group for the delicious meal. After the meal, the raffle was drawn and the winner of a muzzleloader rifle was **Ray Tessicini** and the color TV was won by **Bob Berard**.

Prizes were given for the largest fish caught. First place was won by **Diana Holcomb**; second, **Wanda Stebbins**; third, **Kay McCarthy**.

Agawam's first Mayor dropped over for the event and was received with enthusiasm by the people. The club bestowed an Honorary Membership on Mayor Christopher Johnson.

I don't have room to name the 40 volunteers. However, the club and the chairmen of the derby take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their unselfish efforts. Without their help, the day could have turned into a disappointment.

The one-day event raised \$1,200 for the blind. How



**KAY MCCARTHY** proudly holds up her third place winning trout at the Agawam Sportsman's Club on Sunday, May 7th.

about that? Like I said at the beginning of this piece, I'm proud to report this event as 99 percent of the sportsmen live up to the meaning of the word.

Only the one percent are selfish, greedy, and law-breakers. It's too bad that often the 99 percent are judged by the actions of the one percent. I salute these sportsmen that created a wonderful day in the lives of people who are less fortunate than us.

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I visited "Barb's Bait" in Southwick and checked the list of wild turkeys that were weighed and certified this past season. If I picked one hunter that topped the list, it would be **Clyde Light**, local bee-man of Agawam. He took two birds in Connecticut and one 16-pound, 4 ounce gobbler in Massachusetts with a muzzleloader. How about that?

Other hunters taking birds are as follows: **Kevin Keely**, 12 pounds; **Noel Brown**, 12 pounds, 5 ounces; **Mike Ross**, a nice 14 pounder; **David Fuller**, 16 pounds, 7 ounces; **Warren Brown**, well-known trapper, 13 pounds, 8 ounces; **Phil Girard**, 16 ounces, 1 ounce; **Mike Dunphy**, 17 pounds, 6 ounces; **David Girard**, 12 pounds, 8 ounces; **Donald Loneto**, who has lost so much weight he fits thru narrow trees, 18 pounds, 5 ounces; **James Wheeler**, 19 pounds, 6 ounces; **Stephen Morowski**, 20 pounds, 4 ounces; **Robert Briggs**, 16 pounds; **Gerald Provost**, 17 pounds, 14 ounces; **Ron Giordiano**, 15 pounds, 6 ounces; **Steve Mills**, 20 pounds; **Robert Nehmer, Jr.**, 13 pounds, 1 ounce; and **Brian Blackak**, 18 pounds.

I want to thank you fellows that dropped the wings from your birds at the house.

### W.S. Recreation Dept. Sets Baseball Hall Of Fame Trip

The West Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to the Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, New York, on Saturday, June 17th.

When the first game of baseball was played back in 1839, few could have guessed that it would grow in popularity to become "our national sport." Cooperstown, the place where the great ones can be found—the "Babe," Hank, Willie, Sandy, the Yankee Clipper, and even "Rocket" Roger Clemens.

In the afternoon, there will be a visit to the Farmer's Museum, which offers a glimpse of life on the American Frontier with many authentic buildings and an interesting exhibit on the famous "Cardiff Giant."

All admissions, and dinner are included in the special per person price of \$41.

Departure from West Springfield is scheduled for 7:00 a.m., with arrival back in West Springfield for 9:00 p.m.

Registration will be accepted, either in person or by mail, at the Recreation Department, 26 Central Street, West Springfield, MA, 01089. Registration began on Friday, May 19th.

### Five-Mile Road Race Slated For Sunday, May 28th

The second annual "Miracle Five Miler" to benefit the Children's Miracle Network Telethon, will be held Sunday, May 28th, starting at 12:00 noon and finishing at Baystate Medical Center.

The Children's Miracle Network Telethon, which the proceeds are going to, is the largest annual telethon fundraiser. Last year, the Telethon raised \$59 million

to benefit more than 160 non-profit hospitals like Baystate Medical Center. All of the local contributions will help children's programs and services at local hospitals. The telethon will be broadcast locally on WWLP-TV 22 from 9:00 p.m., Saturday, June 3rd, until 6:00 p.m., Sunday, June 4th.

Entry forms for the race can be obtained by calling Brady, 589-7393, or Young, 543-2688.

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Riverside Park	3	1
Agawam Police Assoc.	2	2
Bruno's Pizza	2	2
Ames Dept. Store	1	3
Polish Club	0	4

## A.A.A. Softball Standings

### GIRLS 8-10 (As Of 5/22/89)

Ames Dept. Store	4	1
Ag. Catholic Women's Club	2	2
R.E. Aldrich Ins.	2	3
Heritage Hall	1	3

## Colonial Summer Day Camp Offered At Storowton Village

Storowton Village, West Springfield, will present its Colonial Summer Day Camp at the historic Village located on the grounds of Eastern States Exposition, August 7th-11th and 14th-18th from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The camp, which is open to children entering grades two-six, offers an educational, enjoyable experience for youngsters who take part in the daily activities of early American children including crafts, games on the Green, blacksmithing, fireplace cooking, candle dipping, wool spinning, storytelling, and more. A colonial costume is provided to further promote the spirit of yesteryear. Children may register for one or both sessions.

In conjunction with the camp, Storowton will offer a Counselors-in-Training (C.I.T.) program for boys and girls entering grades eight and nine. The two-week program is designed to promote leadership skills and introduce young people to our colonial heritage in an authentic setting, according to camp director Carey Bitgood.

For a copy of the camp brochure and application and information on the C.I.T. Program, contact Storowton Village Museum, 787-0136.

## Agawam Little League Holds Car Wash



MEMBERS OF AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE held a benefit car wash for the organization on a recent sunny Saturday. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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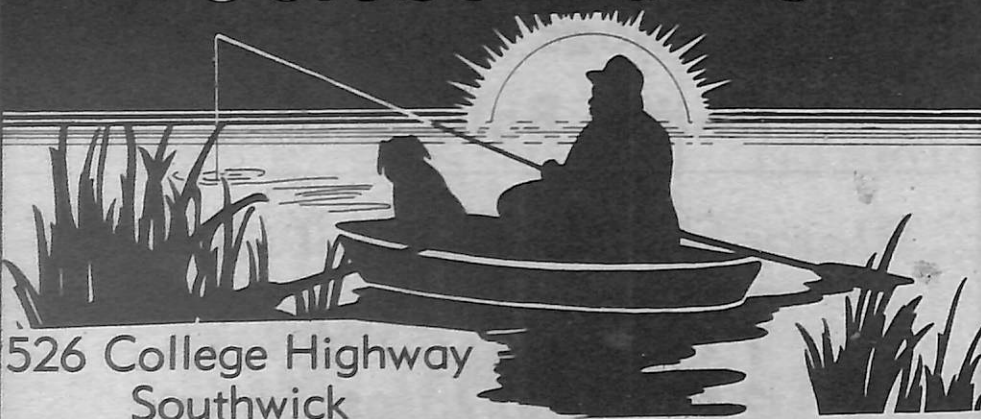
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## Riverside Slates "Fan Night" For Saturday, May 27th

Fan-Fair 89', a night of race fan appreciation (only at the Riverside Park Speedway) is slated for Saturday, May 27th. Director of Racing Ben Dodge, Jr., has put together a special night of thanks for the fans at New England's most successful quarter-mile track.

Fan-Fair 89' begins with a contest for all race fans and competitors. Youngsters, both young and old, are invited to create their own banner or good luck poster for their favorite team, driver, or race personality. There will be five different age groups, one to six years-old; seven to 12 years-old; 13 to 18 years-old; 19 to 35 years; and 36 to 100 years-old. This is not just a kids' contest, but fun for the whole family.

The prizes are just incredible—everyone who enters will get a prize.

Still, the big news is the overall winner selected by the fans from the applause meter will win a \$200 VIP gift-pack to bring six people to Riverside Park Speedway. It's a chance to ride or drive (driver must be a licensed operator) the official Pontiac Trans Am Pace Car for a designated night of racing in the winner's honor, plus a chance to be in a television show on NESN, the New England Sports Network. The winner will co-host the Riverside portion of *Raceweek*, as seen on NESN, Thursday at 5:30 p.m., Saturday at 10:00 p.m., and Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Plus, your banner will be signed by all the drivers and car owners. Finally you will get a four-foot tall trophy.

That's still not all. For Fan-Fair 89' at Riverside Park Speedway, on Saturday, May 27th, will include other treats—rides in a real race car, the PCA Safety buggy, the pace car, autographs, a free gift, and much more.

Remember, this only happens once this year at Riverside Park Speedway, on Saturday, May 27th.

Riverside Park Speedway runs each and every Saturday night at 6:00 p.m., with the NASCAR tour-type Modifieds, Pro Stocks, Late Model Streets, and the all new Strictly Stock Divisions.

For more information concerning Fan-Fair 89' or Speedway information, please write R.S.P.S., P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001, ATTN: Gina G.

## Huge Dem-Duro Coming To Riverside Sunday

What's a Dem-Duro anyway? That is a question that is often asked after seeing the word Dem-Duro on the racing schedule for Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam. A Dem-Duro is another Riverside Park Speedway exclusive. It's a special-type entertainment that originated from two popular formats, a Demolition Derby, and an Endurance event. It can be best summed up in one key word—"awesome."

The format for the first Dem-Duro of the season on Sunday, May 28th, at 6:30 p.m. at Riverside Park Speedway, is basic and exciting. Over 250 cars race in an Endurance race format, which consists of four qualifying heat races on the oval quarter-mile Riverside Park Speedway.

Each race will consist of 20 laps with 25 cars moving into the first Demolition feature event. The second

heat will be the same style, with another 25 cars moving to the first Demolition feature event. Cars from the third and fourth heat will move into the second Demolition Derby feature event.

All heat race winners will receive \$50 for each heat victory plus a trophy. Additional best appearing car awards with a trophy will be presented from each race. As for the main event, Demolition Derbies, it's really simple; 50 cars in an enclosed area with a countdown take-off. The object of the game is to be the last car left running, with a total of \$500 to be given to the overall

winners as the last car is left running.

The new Strictly Stock Division is also a part of the show, plus the 4x4 Amateur Truck Contest. It's one of the most popular type of death-defying excitement you will ever see in one program. Remember—these are not professional drivers. They are people just like yourself. So enter today. Don't miss this purely exciting event you will ever see on May 28th.

All entries to the Dem-Duro must include a check for \$8 with the driver's complete name, address, phone number, etc., and a choice of car numbers.

Mandatory inspection opens at 1:30 p.m., on race day. All cars must be inspected and in the pits before 4:00 p.m. (no exceptions). General admission for adults is \$8.99, and kids just \$3. All cars must be entered in advance, and only licensed drivers can compete.

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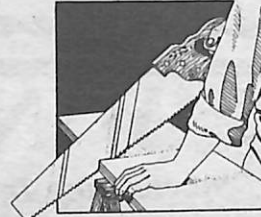
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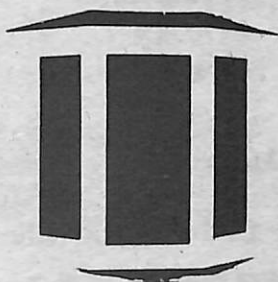
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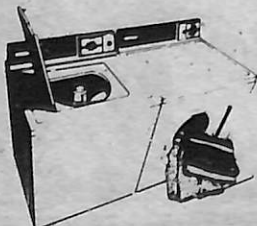
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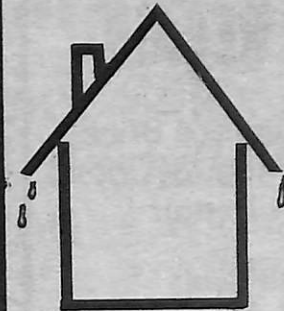
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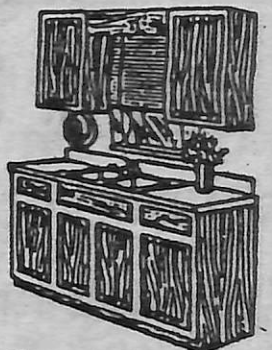
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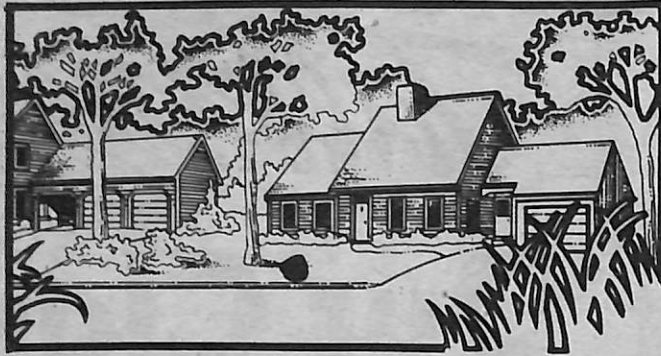
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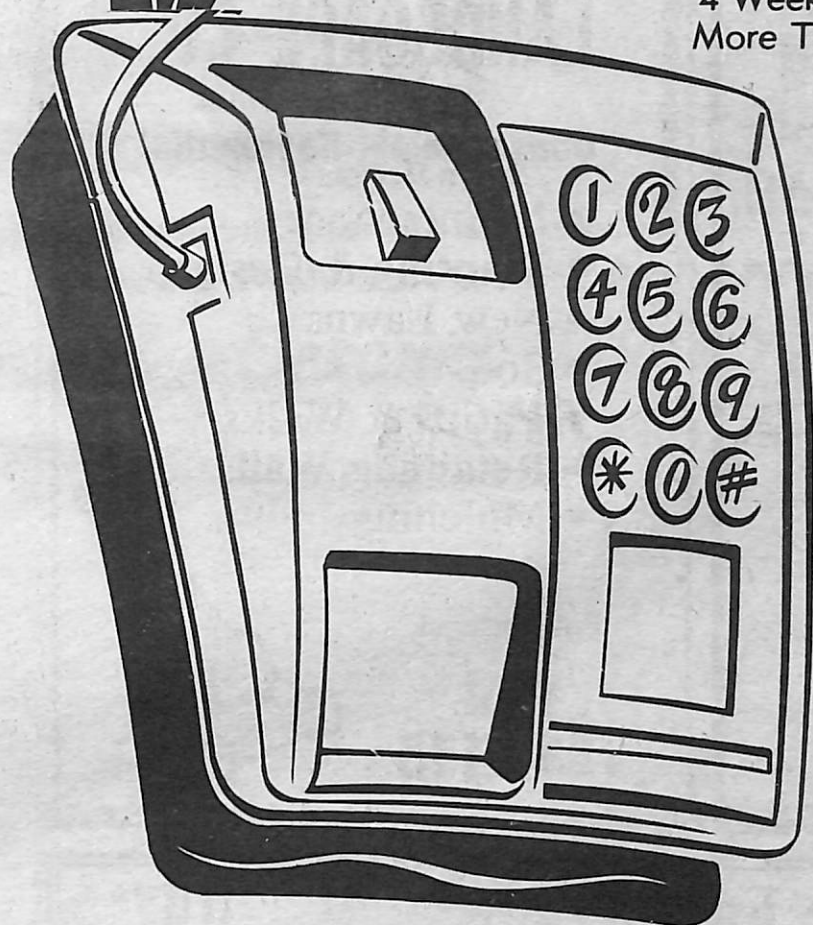
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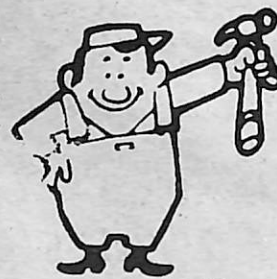
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